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Thatcher promises a year of hope and liberty

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, in a buoyant new year message to the Conservative Party yesterday, said that George Orwell was wrong and she promised that 1984 would be a year of hope and liberty.

In a statement reflecting considerable optimism about the future and clearly designed to stamp on suggestions that the Government has become accident-prone since its landslide general election victory, the Prime Minister declared: "Far from losing our way, *we are just getting into our stride.*"

And she pledged that the Government's achievements since 1979 were "only the beginning" of what she called *the revival of Britain under the Conservatives.*

Mrs Thatcher's upbeat tone contrasted sharply with that of Mr Neil Kinnock, who in his first new year message to the Labour Party as leader, lamented the failure of the Government to arrest economic decline and the weakening of the health and welfare services, and accused the Government of a lack of will to face up to Britain's difficulties.

Mr Kinnock called on the voters to use the local elections next May and the European elections the following month to combat the Government.

In her message Mrs Thatcher showed her sensitivity to charges that bad publicity on several issues since the election, ranging from the choice of the Commons Speaker, the Parkinson affair, the deterioration in relations with the United States over Grenada and Lebanon and the dispute over energy prices *are evidence that the Government is faltering.*

She said that the Government had embarked on its second term "with the same enthusiasm and determination" *with which it came to office.* "Today, no less than when we first came into office, we believe what we say, we say what we believe, and have the courage to see it through."

Mrs Thatcher said that the prospect *for jobs was becoming brighter* and restated the Government's commitment to the goals it set itself in 1979 – defence of the realm, support *for the rule of Law, greater freedom for the individual,* protection for the vulnerable, honest money and prudent finance, and an efficient and *competitive economy.*

Mr Kinnock said it was a tragedy that Britain could not look forward to firm prospects of economic recovery and social advance.

There was no will in the Government, he said. It never listened to the managers who wanted to invest and sell their companies out of slump; it could not put itself in the place of a single parent with a young family to bring up.

● Mr Eric Heffer, chairman of the Labour Party, said of Mrs Thatcher's message: "She is uttering the very opposite of the truth. Under this Conservative Government liberties which have been there for generations are being taken away from local authorities.

"And the legislation the Government has lined up *means the destruction of* yet more of our liberties. This Government has authoritarian tendencies and if it continues in this direction we shall see our freedoms slowly but surely being destroyed."

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Air officers see their families at last



Air Lieutenant Weir, youngest of the released trio, being greeted at Heathrow by his sister Helen



Wing Commander Cox with his wife Sandy, and his daughter, Taryn, whom he saw for the first time yesterday



Air Lieutenant Lloyd, who described his torture in jail, being welcomed by his wife, Celia, and daughter, Tina

Life peerages for Mulley and Bottomley

By Staff Reporters

Two former Labour Cabinet ministers who failed to get on Mr Michael Foot's final list of recommendations for the dissolution honours list last July are made life peers in the new year awards which are announced today.

Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence in the last Labour Government, a former party chairman and a member of Labour's national executive committee for 20 years, and Mr Arthur Bottomley, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs in the 1964 Labour Goverment and later Minister of Overseas Development, were recommended for the honours by the Prime Minister.

Both Mr Mulley, aged 65, and Mr Bottomley, aged 76, were in the former Labour leader's original proposals for some 27 Labour working peers in the dissolution honours but were taken out when Mrs Margaret Thatcher insisted that the Labour list be kept to single figures.

Two other life peerages are awarded today: Mr Alistair McAlpine, joint treasurer of the Conservative Party; and Sir Peter Henderson, the former Clerk of the Parliaments.

Alastair Burnet, presenter of Independent Television's *News at Ten* and a former editor of *The Economist* and the *Daily Express,* receives a knighthood. Among the other broadcasting awards are a CBE for Mr Aubrey Singer, managing director of BBC Television and an MBE for Chris Gittins, aged 81, who plays Walter Gabriel in *The Archers,* the long-running BBC Radio 4 serial.

Mr Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, and Mr Peter Middleton, Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, are appointed Knights Commanders of the Order of the Bath (KCBs).

Many who played a key role in Mrs Thatcher's election victory are honoured, including Mr Christopher Lawson, the



Alastair Burnet (left) and Chris Gittens

Conservative Party's marketing director, who is *knighted.*

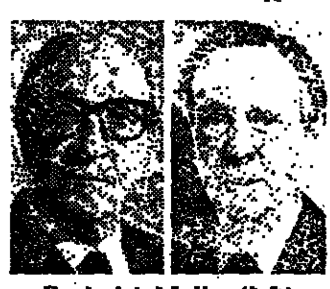
Guinevere Lady Tilney, who worked for Mrs Thatcher's political office for several years in government and opposition, and became known in Whitehall as the "wardrobe mistress", advising the Prime Minister on dress style, is made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Mr Timothy Bevan, chairman of Barclays Bank, has been knighted for his services to commerce and industry.

Among the sporting awards are a knighthood for Mr Arthur Gold, chairman of the Commonwealth Games Council for England and former secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, an OBE for Bertie Mee, the former manager of Arsenal football club, and MBEs for Frederick Daly, who 37 years ago won the British Open Golf Championship, and Maurice Hope, the former world middle-weight boxing champion.

Mr Neil Kinnock, has maintained the practice of recent Labour leaders of not making nominations for political awards.

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Frederick Mulley (left) and Timothy Bevan

Shultz and Gromyko will meet

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, is to hold talks with Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in Stockholm on January 18. They will be in Stockholm for the opening of the 35-nation conference on European security and confidence-building measures.

It will be their first meeting since they held talks in Madrid in September, shortly after the shooting down of a Korean airliner by a Soviet fighter.

Rig talks offer

Britoil's chairman said he is willing to start talks on the cancelled oil rig order which could close British Shipbuilders' Scott Lithgow yard on the Lower Clyde Page 2

CBI warning

Central and local government costs imposed on industry must be reduced to sustain the recovery through 1984, Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said Page 15

WPC's funeral

The funeral of WPC Jane Arbuthnot, one of the six victims of the Harrods bomb, took place at St Luke's Church near Chelsea police station Page 2



Mortgage boost

Four of the top five building societies expect to increase their mortgage lending by at least 20 per cent next year.

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Galtieri in dock

Former President Galtieri of Argentina and his fellow junta members who launched the Falklands invasion have been indicted for murder and torture Page 6

On its own

Ninetyfive years of British protection over Brunei ends at midnight tonight as the tiny enclave on Borneo's north coast assumes full independence Page 7

Wider protest

Greenham Common peace women said they will extend their protest to other military bases, nuclear power plants and research stations, in the new year Page 2

Leadership rift on overtime pit ban

By Our Labour Reporter

The solidarity of miners' leaders over the present overtime ban was breached yesterday when a member of the National Union of Mineworkers' executive called for a pithead ballot over the action.

Mr Roy Ottey, head of the pit craftsmen's power group, has written to Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the union, urging him to allow a national vote to prevent civil war in the NUM.

Mr Ottey's call came after the 40-strong North Staffordshire winders' branch voted to defy the union's overtime ban. The branch said it would take 24-hour strike action if pickets prevented members doing their normal work from January 7.

Mr Ottey, a respected right-winger, said: **"I have canvassed the opinion of other power group members who are not defying the ban, and there is a large number in favour of a ballot".**

The National Coal Board has said that the eight-week-old overtime ban, which was ordered by a national delegates' meeting, lost miners more than £25m in wages by Christmas: the equivalent of about £164 for every pitman. Those figures are strongly disputed by Mr Scargill.

Mr Stephen Higginson, the North Staffordshire winders' branch secretary, said he realized that his members' threatened strike would prevent other miners working and that it would be aimed at his own union. "But that is how *strongly we feel.*"

Shamir battles for Cabinet unity in spending cuts crisis

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Amid the worst economic crisis experienced in Israel, Mr Yitbak Shamir's coalition Cabinet yesterday met in a six-hour emergency session to discuss a bitterly-contested austerity package which threatens to destroy its slender majority in the 120-seat Parliament.

The meeting took place against a background of unprecedented labour unrest caused by spending cuts, which have already been introduced in the public sector. Many sections of the civil service have been subjected to severe disruptions and workers have taken to the streets shouting the slogan "bread and work" reminiscent of Israel in the 1950s.

Among the proposals made by Mr Yigal Cohen-Orgad, the new Finance Minister, are a virtual 12-month freeze on the construction of new Jewish settlements, restrictions on free education, and an across the board cut of £690m.

Even as ministers were gathering for what was only the first of a grim number of meetings designed to reach an acceptable solution, more grim economic statistics were being released. These showed that Israel's balance of payment deficit has jumped to a record £3,517m, while the gross national product during 1983 stagnated, rising by less than 1 per cent.

The severity of the economic situation has been increased by an inflation rate of about 200 per cent and by spiralling foreign debts.

Israeli commentators are agreed that the attempt to find sufficient public savings to devise a budget for 1984-1985 with any chance of rescuing the ailing economy poses the Government with its severest test to date. A number of key coalition parties have threatened to desert Mr Shamir if their own sectional interests are not recognized and compensated for financially.

A full-scale political crisis was deferred yesterday by a decision agreed by all ministers to discuss principles only rather than specific cuts. The real crunch will come when individual ministers have to agree how much they are willing to give up.

Although yesterday's marathon session took place in a crisis atmosphere, Mr Shamir's chances of holding together his shaky coalition until the scheduled election date of 1985 were helped by a statement reportedly made by Mr Abba Eban, the chief foreign affairs spokesman of the main Labour opposition.

According to Israel radio, Mr Eban said in an interview that his party would be prepared to open negotiations over all the Arab territory conquered by Israel in 1967 in its search for peace in the Middle East. Such a gesture was judged as likely to alienate certain of the smaller coalition parties which might have been tempted to team up with Labour by crossing the floor of the Knesset (Parliament) as a result of their economic grievances.

Lieutenant tells of nightmare months

By Rupert Morris

One of the three Zimbabwe Air Force officers, who flew to Britain yesterday after 17 months in jail, gave a graphic account of the torture he had suffered, and its effect on him.

Air Lieutenant Barrington Lloyd, aged 32, who was welcomed at Heathrow by his wife and 18-month-old daughter – whom he hardly knew, having been imprisoned soon after she was born – shook as he recalled his ordeal.

"I suffered nightmares for a good five months," he said, "but I'm almost over it now."

He said he was tortured two weeks after being rearrested after his acquittal on charges of sabotage at the Zimbabwe Air Force base at Thornhill.

"I was connected to an electrical generator by electrodes placed all over my body, including the genitals. I suffered convulsions. The torture lasted about two and a half hours."

Lieutenant Lloyd said he did not blame the Zimbabwe Government for his torture, but believed it to be the result of someone being "over-enthusiastic". He was disappointed, however, that there had been no official expression of disapproval.

He and his two colleagues, Wing Commander John Cox, aged 36, and Air Lieutenant Neville Weir, aged 24, who arrived at Heathrow on the same flight, face an urgent search for jobs.

All three, who hold dual British-Zimbabwean citizenship, said their lives in Zimbabwe had been destroyed.

Wing-Commander Cox, who was met by his father, the Rev William Cox, of St Mary's Church, Fishponds, Bristol, said he had gained strength from his faith, particularly during the long periods of solitary confinement.

"I was always a Christian, but I'm a stronger one now," he said. His 13-month-old daughter was born while he was in prison.

Both he and Air Lieutenant Weir said they were tortured, but declined to talk about it.

All three denied any involvement in the sabotage in August last year, when 13 combat aircraft were destroyed. They believe they were merely convenient scapegoats.

Four other white members of the Zimbabwe Air Force, also detained, acquitted, and rearrested, were released last autumn.

BAT wins Eagle Star battle with £966m bid

By Andrew Cornelius

Britain's biggest takeover battle drew to a close yesterday when West German insurer, Allianz Versicherungs, decided to pull out of the bidding for Eagle Star after a record £966m competing bid came from BAT Industries.

Allianz agreed to sell its 30 per cent stake in Eagle Star, which is Britain's sixth largest insurance company, after discussions in Munich which were concluded late on Thursday. Allianz bought its shares in Eagle over two years and stands to make £163m profit on the deal.

Sir Denis Mountain, chairman of Eagle Star, was delighted with the outcome and will recommend the 700p per share offer from BAT to shareholders. His own stake in Eagle Star has risen in value from £2.7m to £3.7m since the fiercely contested bidding for the company began two months ago.

The takeover brings together BAT, Britain's third largest company, the Yardley cosmetics business and International Stores chains, the Eagle Star, which controls £3.5 billion of policyholders' money.

On the stockmarket, shares of Eagle Star fell from 714p to 692p on news of the deal, while BAT shares rose by 11p to close at 179p.

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Spy couple sentencing today

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Sentence will be passed today in the Cape Supreme Court on Commodore Dieter Gerhardt, former commander of the South African naval dockyard at Simonstown and his wife, Ruth, who were convicted of high treason on Thursday on charges of spying for the Soviet Union.

Evidence in mitigation was heard yesterday, but, like the rest of the trial, proceedings were all *in camera.* High treason carries a maximum penalty of death by hanging, but is rarely imposed in such cases.

Gerhardt was found to have been employed by the Russians *from 1964 until* his arrest in January of this year and to have transmitted military secrets to them. His wife was found guilty of assisting him, mainly as a courier, from the early 1970s onwards.

The judge dismissed Gerhardt's claim to have been a double agent working for an unnamed power not hostile to South Africa and which had asked him to offer his services to the Russians to find out what their interests *in South Africa* were.

● LONDON: A former chief of the defence staff yesterday suggested that British naval officers who had contact with Gerhardt over the past 20 years should be vetted to check if any secrets were passed to him (John Witherow writes).

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton described it as a "sensible if rather stable-door operation. I would be very suprised if any British naval officer had given Gerhardt any sensitive information. But it is a possibility and foolish not to look into it."

The Government said yesterday it would not refer the matter to the Security Commission. Gerhardt had access to classified information while he was training here, but it would be of little value now.

Lord Hill-Norton, speaking on BBC's *World at One,* ridiculed the suggestion that Gerhardt gave the Russians information about the task force during the Falklands conflict and said South Africa had not been privy to any British military secrets for 20 years.

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Herr Fleischauer's last will and tele-testament

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Near Herr Johann Fleischauer's head hovers an angel. On the desk in front of him are two silver candlesticks, a glass of sherry and an open bible, as, silver-haired and solemn, he reads his will into the camera. After his death, his heirs will gather round as he sends his last message to his loved ones on video tape.

Electronics have overtaken the German way of death, and a Hamburg video producer is cashing in on the vogue. For DM1,200 (£300) Herr Udo Schinowski will record you reading your own will – with appropriate (and unanswerable) lectures for those grasping relatives you choose to cut out – in the setting of your choice.

His catalogue offers four varieties: businesslike, at your desk with a telephone and calendar; solemn, beside a lectern with a vase and flowers; religious, standing near a cross or some cherubim; or relaxed, on your sitting room sofa. Or, if you prefer, for a little extra cost, you can be filmed in your office, on your yacht, in the church-yard or wherever you think appropriate.

Herr Fleischauer's will begins with the title, a notice saying "Tele-Testament" beside an urn, with a bible and kneeling figurines in front and a view through the window behind to the heavens. He then relates how he has led a God-fearing life, in harmony with his surroundings.

And now the moment the relations have been waiting for: To you, Cousin Gerda in Gröbenzell, the books, the pictures, the contents of the bank box and a life assurance of over DM10,000. But for the aunt there is bitter disappointment. Because she was so tactless and insensitive as to inquire recently about whom he would leave his wealth to, she has been cut out of the will.

"After long reflection I decided that the share which you hoped for your family – and which with a little more friendliness you would have deserved – has been left to a children's home. Let that be a lesson to you."

Herr Schinowski started Tele-Testament with somewhat less that funereal solemnity as a result of a bet of a bottle of sparkling wine with an American journalist. In the first year about 60 people, from all walks of life, have recorded themselves for posterity.

The elderly usually take the standard 15 minute model – though the rich often like to go on for about 30 minutes.

Some wishes are awkward: One man wanted to feature in hard pornography, which the lawyers advised against. A sailor wanted to be surrounded by several scantily clad ladies, but there were problems finding anyone willing to appear in such diaphanous raiment. Another wanted a famous actor to read his poems.

The video has no legal force, and is no substitute for a written will. The master copy is deposited with the lawyer, and instructions can be left on viewing arrangements. Several testators have already passed into the great studio in the sky, and Herr Schinowski has had three or four telephone calls from relatives who found his productions "tasteless".

Britoil chief ready for eleventh-hour talks on fate of North Sea rig

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Sir Philip Shelbourne, chairman of Britoil, has said he is still willing to have discussions on the cancellation of its oil rig order which threatens 4,500 jobs at Scott Lithgow on the Lower Clyde.

The Britoil chairman, knighted in today's New Year Honours, said he is prepared to meet British Shipbuilders "even at this late date".

He has also said, however, that if British Shipbuilders contests Britoil's right to cancel the £86m rig order in court talks would become increasingly difficult.

Sir Philip was responding to Scottish church leaders, who had asked the two sides to discuss the matter and had called for work to resume on the rig "for the sake of many thousands of people in the west of Scotland".

Britoil cancelled the order last week. The rig was due for delivery in the spring but is estimated to be more than 500 days behind schedule, and British Shipbuilders has said it cannot afford penalty payments.

In his reply to the churches Sir Philip said: "We have been conscious throughout this year of the effect of cancellation of our order on hull 2002 and we have used every endeavour to introduce an element of realistic negotiations into this matter.

"It must be recognized that the delays that occurred in the delivery of this order were substantial, and called for a fundamental renegotiation of the contract terms.

"We made this very clear to British Shipbuilders, who always refused to discuss such a course of action, and accordingly we had no alternative to cancellation of the order."

British Shipbuilders has yet to reply officially but a spokesman for the churches said they hoped for an early response from the chairman, Mr Graham Day.

Scott Lithgow now has only one other order on its books – for a £60m oil exploration rig BP, which is also behind schedule.

British Shipbuilders faces a £19,000-a-day penalty payment on the BP order backdated to last February, and has asked the oil company for an extension of the contract to allow the right to be completed early in March.

Talks to avert strike by shipbuilders adjourned

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Talks aimed at averting a national strike by 60,000 shipbuilding workers were adjourned yesterday until Tuesday, amid mounting pessimism that a solution could be achieved.

After a day of talks at the London offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) in which the unions and management met in separate discussions with Mr Dennis Boyd, chief conciliation officer, there was little sign of a breakthrough.

Representatives of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions expressed disappointment that Mr Graham Day, chairman of the state-owned British Shipbuilders, was not present at yesterday's meetings and does not plan to return from holiday in Canada in time for Tuesday's talks.

Mr Maurice Phelps, head of industrial relations at British Shipbuilders, said that management had put forward some proposals which he hoped would "assist the situation" and prevent the stoppage, which is due to start next Friday. But he added that "it did not look very hopeful".

Mr Jim Murray, chairman of the unions' shipbuilding negotiating committee, said after the meeting that the position had not improved but added: "We would certainly not becoming back on Tuesday if we did not think there was a possibility of a solution."

The union delegation saw Mr Boyd first and told him that management's plans to change working practices, which is at the heart of the dispute, would be introduced too quickly and some of them were impracticable.

Mr Boyd was told that the company's offer of a £7 a week productivity deal was not the main point at issue.

The management team told Acas officers that the new working methods, which include the sweeping away of demarcation lines and a radical increase in flexibility, were essential and needed urgently.



Camp comforts: Greenham Common protesters keeping warm round a fire yesterday (Photograph: John Voos).

Greenham women to tackle other bases

From David Cross, Greenham Common

The peace women of Greenham Common said yesterday they would be extending their protest movement to other military bases and installations in the new year.

At a press conference at their makeshift camp outside the north gate of the Berkshire air base, Miss Rebecca Johnson said that protesters would also visit nuclear power plants and chemical and biological research stations. They would be equipped with wire-cutters to take down perimetre fences.

The women said in a statement: "In 1984 we will continue to expose the lies behind all the military bases throughout Britain and to increase our links with women's struggle for nuclear disarmament and an end to oppression, prejudice, exploitation and violence in every country on earth".

The statement said that after two and a half years at Greenham the women believed they had achieved their aim of making cruise missiles at the base "politically and militarily inoperable at this time". (The Government has said that the first 16 missiles which arrived at Greenham last month would have "initial operating capability" by tonight.)

However, Miss Johnson said the Government had failed to show that the launchers and their missiles could be deployed beyond the confines of the base and had failed to maintain security at Greenham. Some women believed that the cruise warheads were no longer there.

The lack of security had been clearly demonstrated earlier this week when three women spent about three hours in the air traffic control tower in the base without being detected, Miss Johnson said.

During their stay in the tower the women had found classified documents outlining procedures for landing an aircraft which had been contaminated by nuclear radiation, she said.

Miss Johnson added that the Greenham women questioned the right of any government to bring radioactive material into a populated area and to keep the information secret from people whose lives would be affected.

Women from one of the other peace camps at the base announced at the press conference that they would be giving half the donations they received from wellwishers to help less privileged women throughout the world.

The Greenham women will celebrate New Year's Day by releasing into the air hundreds of balloons tied with cut-out paper women and messages of peace.

● Mrs Jacquetta Hull, aged 25, of Brook Drive, Kennington, south London, who with several other demonstrators lay down in the road in Whitehall during the Remembrance Sunday ceremony on November 13, was conditionally discharged for three months at Highbury Magistrates' Court yesterday for using insulting behaviour.

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Deathbed marriage by Melville

Mr Alan Melville the broadcaster who died on Christmas Eve aged 73 married his housekeeper three days earlier, it was disclosed yesterday.

In a ceremonty at his bedside in the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, he married Mrs Midge Embery, a widow in her sixties and his companion for 25 years.

Mr Paul Vaughan, Mr Melville's agent, said yesterday: "Alan knew he was dying and it was his deepest wish to marry Midge. The marriage gave him joy and peace.

The marriage ceremony was attended by doctors, nurses, immediate family and friends and was conducted under special licence by by the hospital chaplain. Mrs Melville had previously worked for Gilbert Harding, the broadcaster, who died in 1960.

Thief returned for other shoe

A pre-Christmas shoplifter, who found he had stolen two left shoes, was arrested the next day while taking a matching right shoe.

Hughie Clarke, aged 21, of Albert Road, Aston, Birmingham, was fined £50 yesterday for two thefts from the same store. He was arrested when staff recognized him from the previous day, Miss Francoise Snape, for the prosecution, told Birmingham magistrates.

Man to be freed after 26 years

Britain's second longest serving prisoner, Kenneth Barlow, aged 65, will be released on licence next week. He was jailed 26 years ago for the "perfect" murder of his wife by injecting her with insulin.

Barlow is in Leyhill open prison, near Bristol. Only John Straffen, the child killer, has been in prison longer.

Cast of 'Archers' at funeral

The funeral of Gwen Berryman, the actress who played Doris Archer for almost 30 years in the BBC radio serial *The Archers*, was attended yesterday in Torquay by members of the cast.

She left the programme because of ill health in 1980 and died last week aged 77.

Crash landing

Mr Ian Rae, the pilot of a Cessna 310 light aircraft and his woman passenger escaped injury when it crashed at Glasgow airport last night.

Corrections

Roy Marsden, who plays Mr Chips in a new BBC television series, had his last major role in the Anglia series *Death of an Expert Witness*, not *Reilly, Ace of Spies*, as stated yesterday

Love Song, the television play in which Lord Olivier is to appear next May, was written by Paul Ableman, not Jeffrey Archer, on whose short story, "Old Love", it is based.

Big BR pay-offs to cut staff

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

British Rail is offering attractive terms to persuade up to 9,000 staff to retire early.

The aim is to save about £90m a year on the wages bill to help to meet a £184m cut in government subsidy over the next two years announced by Mr Nicholas Ridley the Secretary of State for Transport, before Christmas.

Staff who agree to retire early are being offered full pension from 55 instead of 60 or 62 according to status and a lump sum substantially higher than the statutory minimum.

A £150-a-week driver with 25 year's service, for example would receive about £6,500 and full pension on leaving at 55.

British Rail's corporate plan provides for a reduction in staff from 155,000 to 142,000 by 1986 and Mr Bob Reid, the new chairman, is pledged to deliver the plan's targets. The severance scheme is part of the plan.

Most people who had been offered the new retirement deal have accepted it, a spokesman said. Most of those affected are clerical and similar staff.

Maxwell sends out redundancy notices

By Kenneth Gosling

The seven-week dispute which has prevented 800,000 copies of the *Radio Times* reaching readers in London seemed likely last night to continue indefinitely as redundancy notices were issued to print workers at Park Royal in west London.

A spokesman for the British Printing and Communications Corporation, of which Mr Robert Maxwell is the chairman, said no agreement had been reached before Christmas on the installation of two presses costing £10m.

"It has been known all along", he said, "that if we did not get agreement we would have to issue redundancy notices.

"Sogat '82, the National Graphical Association, everyone has known this and has been expecting the notices, some of which are being posted off today."

Redundancy money is being paid at twice the usual rate, four weeks for every year of service instead of two.

A *Radio Times* spokesman said Sogat '82 had complied with a High Court injunction earlier this month to lift its blacking of the printing and distribution of the magazine. "But we are back to square one with this dispute with Mr Maxwell", he said.



Mr Maxwell: No accord on £10m machines

BPCC maintains that the Park Royal operation cannot be made viable without the machines being installed, and says all union branches had reached agreement except one London machine shop.

The Park Royal typesetting centre, employing 160 people, is not affected.

Remand pledge honoured

With only a day to spare Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, has honoured his pledge to remove all remand prisoners from police cells before the end of the year.

The Home Office said yesterday that all such prisoners had been transferred to jails. That means that in London there are now 629 remand prisoners at Brixton, 400 at Wormwood Scrubs and 181 at Pentonville.

Mr Brittan made his promise at the Conservative Party conference in October

The total being held in police cells was 400 a day for most of the year but fell to 63 on Wednesday until there was none remaining by last night.

The move was possible because Wormwood Scrubs admitted prisoners on holding charges for the first time this month and because more places became available at Pentonville.

Pay law still unfair, TUC says

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Equal pay legislation, which comes into force tody, will not end discrimination against women, according to the TUC.

The law will not observe an edict from the European Commission which urged the Government to bring the rules into line with the rest of Europe.

The European Court of Justice had criticized Britain because women here could not claim equal pay for work of equal value.

Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, has protested to Mr Alan Clark, Minister of State at the Department of Employment, that the legislation is inadequate.

The law will enable industrial tribunals to hear equal value claims, but the TUC says it will also allow employers to claim justification for inequities because of "market forces".

For example, where a woman has a skill of "equal value" to a man's, an employer will be allowed to pay him more if his skill is in short supply.

"This would reinforce the segregation of women into low-paid jobs rather than end inequality, the TUC said.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, has said part of the new reguations was so complex that it was extremely difficult even for lawyers to understand.

The House of Lords passed an amendment to the Bill on December 5 by 108 votes to 104, stating that the regulations neither complied with the European Commission directive nor reflected the European Court's decision.

Mr Murray expressed concern to Mr Clark that potential applocants in tribunal cases would be deterred because cost could be awarded against them.

Mr Murray expressed "a note of caution" over either party's ability to call one expwert witness. Employers would have greater resources and would therefore, be more able to call on such evidence.

The TUC claims tribunal procedures will be made "more protracted and cumbersome",

SDP upset by Owen coalition warning

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Dr David Owen's new year message to the Social Democrats warning them to prepare to work in a coalition government has upset members of his party who want to see it working in closer harmony with the Liberals.

Dr Owen's statement is seen by many in the party as declaring his readiness in certain circumstances to come to an electoral arrangement with the Labour Party after the next election, if the Conservatives were to win the highest number of seats but fail to secure an outright majority.

Mr Neville Sandelson, who joined the SDP from Labour during the last Parliament but lost his seat at the election, said yesterday that "true Social Democrats" did not and would not contemplate a coalition with socialists merely to gain office and a tiny foothold in the corridors of power.

No amount of phoney cosmetics could conceal the true nature of Labour's ideology and ultimate aims.

"An electoral arrangement of that nature to defeat the present government would be a disaster for Britain and a betrayal of fundamental democratic principles. A Labour-led coalition government would be a shambles

Mr Sandelson said that in 1984 either the SDP and Liberals would close ranks or they would fall totally apart. Together they were a potential government "but divided they amount to an old maid's tea party".

He said that he had no doubt that many Social Democrats would share his misgivings as to the precise meanings of Dr Owen's message.

Helicopter foils cash raid

From Our Correspondent Belfast

A military helicopter crew defied shots from the ground as they foiled an armed robbery on the Irish border yesterday. The two-man crew was unhurt and the Westland Gazelle helicopter undamaged.

It was escorting a Securicor armoured van as it carried money from Newry to Crossmaglen, the centre of the IRA dominated South Armagh border zone of Northern Ireland.

Two miles from Crossmaglen, at Creggan Bridge, the helicopter crew saw the armoured van being rammed by a second vehicle and forced to halt.

As the pilot of the Gazelle then moved in for a closer look, radioing for army and RUC reinforcements as he did so, the raiders opened fire with rifles, without effect.

They abandoned their attempt to force the two Securicor guards to open the armoured van, and sped off in their own vwhicel for the border, about four miles away.

Hebden holds chess lead

From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent Hastings

With a 20-move draw in round three against the Hungarian grandmaster, Csom, Mark Hebden, The Leicester player, maintained his lead with the excellent score of 2½ out of 3 in the Ace grandmaster tournament in Hastings.

Nigel Short won in good style against Sax, who always looked to be in trouble and resigned on the 37th move

The Swedish grandmaster Karlsson won in good combative style against the Romanian grandmaster Suba, and the game between Ivanov and Alburt was adjourned

Results in round three: Ivanov adjourned against Alburt, QP Benoni defence 42 moves; Martin ½, Ftacnik ½, Sicilian defence 22; Karlsson 1, Suba 0, English opening, 41; Mestel ½, Speelman ½, English opening 22; Short 1, Sax 0, Sicilian defence 37; Gurevich ½, Kudrin ½, Sicilian defence 14; Csom ½, Hebden ½, English opening 20.

Adjourned games results, round two: Ftacnik ½, Ivanov ½; Sax 0, Mestel 1.

Police check guns in hunt for double killer

The police have interviewed about 30 men and checked several shotguns in the hunt for the killer of a couple shot dead near Manaccan on the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall.

Miss Rosalind Richards, aged 18, a part-time barmaid, and Mr Rodney Pellow, a divorced farmer aged 32 who lived in Coverack, near by, were each shot twice on Tuesday in her caravan.

Det Supt Geoff Warren, head of Cornwall CID, said: "Rosalind had numerous boyfriends.

Inquiries into Miss Richards's social life have uncovered reports of late-night parties and marital infidelity

More than 1,100 people in the area have shotgun licences.

Cell suicide despite warning to jail

A remand prisoner hanged himself with a sheet in his cell despite a police warning to prison authorities that he was suicidal, an inquest at Gloucester was told yesterday. (Our Gloucester correspondent writes).

Detective Sergeant Michael Biddell said: "When he went to prison I completed a form to the authorities at the jail stating that he was mentally unstable, and in my view he would commit suicide."

Three days after Mr Peter Fussell's admission to the hospital wing at Gloucester prison, he was found hanging by a sheet tied to the window bars.

Mr Fussell, aged 45, of The Circle, Uplands, Stroud, Gloucestershire, was on remand accused of attacking Mr Godfrey Askew, his former employer at Stroud & District Council.

He was alleged to have hit Mr Askew on the head with a hammer, causing severe head injuries.

Det Sergeant Biddell said Mr Fussell told him: "Askew was responsible for me getting the sack from the council."

Prison Officer William Cook, said he had not been told to keep any special watch on Mr Fussell.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide. After the hearing, Mr William McEvoy, governor of Gloucester prison, said an internal inquiry had been held and a report sent to the Home Office.

Remand for arms charge student

An Oxford University student was remanded in custody until January 6 at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with having a revolver and ammunition without firearms certificates and unlawfully possessing explosives.

Daniel Emile Singleton, aged 28, studying at St Catherine's College, Oxford, was arrested by anti-terrorist squad police at his home in Princess Crescent, Finsbury Park, on Wednesday.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus 850 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 7.50; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 700; USA $1.50; Yugoslavia Din 100

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Nurse suspended after inquiry into night management at hospital

By Michael Horsnell

The senior night nursing officer at a hospital for the mentally handicapped, where a union official committed suicide this year, has been suspended after a six-month inquiry into night nursing management there.

Mr Amadeo Dell'Erario, aged 48, was relieved of his duties at the 900-patient Harperbury Hospital near Radlett, Hertfordshire, when the inquiry team reported a serious deficiency in the quality of management.

The report, endorsed by the North-West Hertfordshire Health Authority which ordered it, followed pressure from the health service union, Cohse for an investigation into what happens at nights at the hospital.

A night nurse, Mr Tony Joyce, aged 36, who was the hospital's Cohse branch secretary was found dead last February with his throat slashed outside a ward entrance. An electric carving knife was discovered near by.

An inquest decided Mr Joyce had taken his own life.

In mid-December 1982 he had begun to take statements from night staff concerned about management practices at the hospital at night. Then on New Year's Eve he was involved in an alleged skirmish with a senior member of the night nursing staff. As a result he faced a disciplinary hearing.

Mrs Margaret Joyce told the inquest that her husband, who had protested his innocence, had been worried he would lose his job.

Mr Neil Goodwin, the health authority's deputy district administrator, said yesterday: "It is alleged that Mr Joyce was harassed for taking statements from staff over their dissatisfaction with the management.

"His tragic suicide heightened the antagonism of staff to management but it was one incident in a sequence of events which led the authority to hold an inquiry."

The report, by a four-man health authority team, said: "Staff we interviewed, including sisters, were of the opinion that there was an undue degree of familiarity in the relationships of the male nurse managers and certain female staff."

Mr Dell'Erario, an Italian, has been suspended on full pay pending further investigations by Mr Frank Powell, district nursing officer, who will decide whether further disciplinary action is required.

Mr Mike Hills, Cohse branch secretary at Harperbury, wants his dismissal.

He said: "I would be negligent in my responsibilities to the union if I did not point out that I had on many occasions given warnings to nursing officers senior to Mr Dell'Erario of what was happening on nights."

The inquiry team, which decided some of the criticisms were anecdotal and hearsay, discovered that a staff member who could barely speak English was regularly left in charge of wards for up to three hours at nights. It found faulty record-keeping, unfair overtime allocation and an unfair policy on holidays.

It also said: "Night nursing management did not appear to follow national and local guidelines regarding the recruitment, selection an appointment of staff."

The report cleared night sisters and said patients had not suffered.

Mr Dell'Erario, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, refused to comment.

Police say farewell to Harrods bomb WPC

By Tony Samstag

The Metropolitan Police paid their last respects yesterday to Miss Jane Philippa Arbuthnot, Woman Police Constable 481'B', attached to Chelsea Police Station.

WPC Arbuthnot, aged 22, was one of two police officers who died in the bomb explosion at Harrods on December 17. A third officer, Inspector Stephen Dodd, aged 34, died on Christmas Eve of injuries received in the blast and is to be buried next week.

The funeral congregation at St Luke's Church, round the corner from the police station in Lucan Place, was a still sea of black uniforms punctuated only by the white hats of Miss Arbuthnot's female colleagues.

In his address, the Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Kensington, spoke of a collective "debt of pride and gratitude to men and women who have counted the cost, and know the risks, and are still prepared to do what has to be done to protect the life and the security of their fellow citizens".

Sergeant Michael Thwaites's appreciation dwelt on WPC Arbuthnot's style, in particular her bicycle, which she had bought "to enable her, in her own words, to 'zap around the ground'.

Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, was among the congregation. The pall-bearers, all close colleagues of the dead woman, included two who had been slightly injured in the Harrods explosion, Police Constables Mark Grover and Peter Weinberg. The anthem, Mendelssohn's "Beati Mortui" was sung by the Metropolitan Police choir.

Burial, in south London, was private.

● Police Constable Jon Gordon, the dog handler who lost a leg in the Harrods blast, may have to undergo another operation, it was announced yesterday.



Among the police guard of honour outside St Luke's Church, WPC Pamela White weeps for her murdered colleague (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Law firm collapses with debts of £400,000

From Our Correspondent
Liverpool

A firm of solicitors in Liverpool has collapsed with debts of £400,000 and is being investigated by police.

The Law Society launched its own inquiry into Neville, Piercy and Calveley six weeks ago and appointed other solicitors to take over the business. Meanwhile, the commercial branch of Merseyside Police has started an inquiry into complaints from five former clients.

Mr Anthony Ostrin, of Yaffe, Jackson and Ostrin, the solicitors dealing with outstanding business, claimed yesterday that banks in Liverpool were owed more than £300,000.

"The money due to the banks has disappeared over a period of 18 months", he said.

He said the Law Society had set up a compensation fund of £15,000 for former clients but more than £80,000 had already been claimed.

Earlier this year the senior partner, Mr Alex Calveley, was fined £225 with £25 costs for failing to provide a return for value-added tax.

The Law Society said yesterday that inquiries by its professional purposes committee would be completed by the end of January.

Mr Calveley, who represented the child killer Ronald Waldron at preliminary hearings earlier this year, declined to comment at home in St George's Road, Hightown.

Falklands eggs now penguins

Two penguin eggs from the Falklands have hatched out at the Birdland sanctuary in Bourton-on-the-Water, in Gloucestershire.

Mr Richard Hill, whose late father bought the uninhabited Grand Jason and Steeple Jason islands in the Falklands 30 years ago, went there last month and brought back a batch

Sony cuts disc price by £90

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The latest price war in the high street shops moved into a new phase yesterday with the Japanese consumer electronics manufacturer, Sony, cutting the price of its compact disc players only ten months after its British launch, in an attempt to match European competition.

By October only 10,000 of all types were sold, made largely by Sony, Philips and Marantz but, with more companies making the players, fierce competition, further price reductions and a boom in sales is expected. Christmas sales are expected to show another 10,000 have been bought.

The Sony players have been reduced by £90 from the £549 launch price. Sony said: "In spite of the player's sophistication we cannot ignore our competitors' price reductions or the introduction of further compact disc players on the market from new manufacturers not involved in the development of the system."

Philips and Sony developed the technology, which uses a laser as a stylus and reproduces high quality music from a disc the size of a beer mat. The disc plays for a hour on one side only.

There are about 500 titles available on compact disc which are pressed principally by Polygram in its factory in Hanover, West Germany, and CBS-Sony in Japan.

The players were launched in October last year in Japan and this year in most of Europe and the United States.

£1 note gets stay of execution

By Kenneth Gosling

The Prime Minister's remarks last week concerning the unpopularity of the £1 coin appear to have lengthened the timescale over which the coin will eventually replace the note.

Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, has said in a letter to Mr Norman Atkinson, Labour MP for Tottenham, that the Government always intended to withdraw the note "once the public had got used to the coin".

The trouble with the £1 note, as Mr Stewart said in his letter, is that it gets stuffed into pockets and purses and into shop tills and not returned to banks when its short life is over, to be replaced by new ones.

But for the foreseeable future – and no one was prepared to say yesterday when the full changeover will occur – the public will continue to choose between the two and, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher said last week, generally prefer the note, however tatty and grubby it may become.

It will certainly be retained, as she also said. The question mark hangs over the word "indefinitely".



MP's flying tackle: Mr William Waldegrave, (above), Under-Secretary of State in the Department of the Environment, caught a thief in full flight during a Christmas shopping trip, in London.

The Tory MP for Bristol West saw a man leaving the Guy La Roche shop in Bond Street with stolen goods

After crying "stop thief", Mr Waldegrave, aged 37, sprinted after him, and bought the shoplifter down with a rugby tackle. With the help of a passer-by he then retrieved the goods, worth £1,500.

But as he picked himself up the thief fled.

Mr Waldegrave, an occasional early-morning jogger was presented by the shop with a gift for his wife Caroline

Low-price Scotch under fire

By Philip Webster

A David and Goliath struggle to save the cheap Scotch dram has developed among whisky producers north of the border.

Three firms who have been selling special cheaper, if slightly weaker, brands are under threat from government regulations for which the powerful Scotch Whisky Association has been pressing.

Most whisky is sold at a strength of 40 per cent alcohol volume. By bringing the alcohol content down by 2.5 per cent the three companies, Glencatrine, Grangemouth Bond and the Co-op, have been able to take advantage of a sharp drop in the duty payable and sell their bottles at about £1 less

The Government has drawn up regulations, which were due to come into force on January 1, to prohibit the production of whisky below 40 per cent alcohol, but has decided to hold off to consider a mass of representations on the issue.

The Scotch Whisky Association argues that if the British regulations are changed other countries will follow suit and its exports will be protected. It says that whisky being produced in France and elsewhere at 25 or 30 per cent alcohol is ruining the good name of Scotch.

The three small producers, however, suspect that it is not the only reason, and have been arguing in talks with ministers that if the objective is to squeeze out the French the limit could be set at 37.5

But the association is worried enough about the home competition to have done some calculations which it claims proves that the cheap dram is not the bargain it is made out to be.

It has averaged the prices of eight standard brands at £6.77 a bottle. It states that if High Commissioner, which now sells at £5.99 had been bottled at full strength in the standard size bottle its retail equivalent would be £6.85.

'Heart for Christmas' girl home for new year

Emma Pashley, aged 7, returned home yesterday after doctors declared themselves very pleased with her progress after a heart operation.

The girl from Cheadle, Greater Manchester, had the operation two weeks ago after writing to Santa Claus asking for a new heart for Christmas.

It had been discovered that her heart was on the wrong side of her body and the wrong way round with transposed arteries.

Yesterday her parents, Mr Rod Pashley and his wife Susan, collected her from the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital.

It is understood that the family, from Brookfield Road, have signed an exclusive deal with a national newspaper.

Doctors gave the couple the all-clear after seeing them yesterday. It had been feared that the girl would have to stay in hospital over the new year because of a family infection.

That was because doctors did not want any risk to her health after the marathon operation.

Miss Josie McGreal, hospital assistant administrator, said: "Emma was given a medical discharge on Wednesday. But she was kept in hospital as her family had a virus infection.

"Her condition is generally extemely good. We are very pleased with her progress. She will be reviewed in the admission clinic in two weeks' time."

Napley defends Smith inquest fee

Sir David Napley, the lawyer who charged £164 an hour for representing Dr Richard Arnot at the Helen Smith inquest, said yesterday that there had been a "complete misunderstanding and lack of knowledge" over the way his fee was calculated.

Sir David, who was assisted by another solicitor from his firm throughout the hearing a year ago, has been criticized for issuing a bill for £32,237.

The final charge includes a 100 per cent "mark-up" because of the complexities of the case.

It is being met by West Yorkshire County Council out of the rates, but the council chairman, Mr John Gunnell, has said he was shocked by the "enormous" bill.

Sir David, speaking on BBC Radio's *The World At One* programme, said the bill included hotel and travelling expenses for two people from London to Leeds and Harrogate.

In order to keep it "fair", the travelling costs were based on the cost of rail fares, he added.

"There has been a complete misunderstanding and lack of knowledge on how solicitors' fees are calculated", he said. "They are not my fees. They are the fees of my firm, and what happens is that the cost of having someone working in a firm has to be worked out.

"That is the basic charge which is charged at £82 an hour, and then there is the mark-up this is the same in any business.

"If you go into a shop you pay so much for an article which represents the cost plus a mark-up which is often in excess of 100 per cent and running a legal practice is the same.

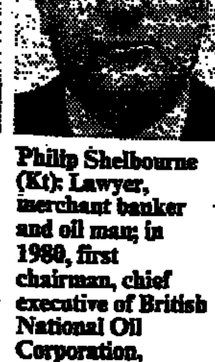
"You have to have back-up – other solicitors are employed, computers, telephones, rent, rates. All these things have to be paid for. But it is distorting the position to make it appear that the lawyer takes the whole amount and puts it in his pocket."

Sir David said that when legal fees were assessed by taxing masters they took into account the amount of work done, the complexity of it and the experience of the solicitor involved.

According to Sir David, the county council agreed to pay "reasonable" fees on behalf of Dr Arnot. But he said that he had no dealing with the council.

He said that he did not think it right that the cost should be borne by the ratepayers just because of the geographical accident of the inquest being held in their locality.

Edwin Nixon (Kt): Chairman, chief executive of IBM (United Kingdom); also a director of National Westminster Bank and Royal Insurance; president, National Association for Gifted Children



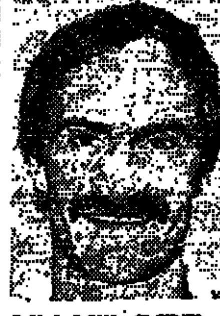
Philip Shelbourne (Kt): Lawyer, merchant banker and oil man; in 1980, first chairman, chief executive of British National Oil Corporation, steered production arm, Britoil, into private sector.

Peter Thompson (Kt): Chairman of National Freight Consortium; largely credited with successful £53m staff buyout of group which includes British Road Services, National Carriers, and Pickfords.

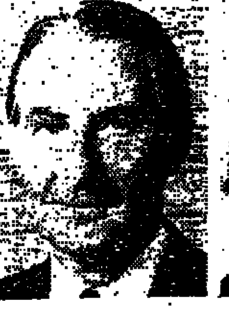


Arthur Gold (Kt): President, European Athletic Association, chairman, English Commonwealth Games Committee, former high jumper; one of most influential officials internationally in last 20 years.

Bertie Mee (OBE): Joined Arsenal Football Club as physiotherapist in 1960; manager of team which won League, Cup double in 1971, now director at Watford.



Mick Mills (MBE): Vastly experienced England international footballer, made nearly 600 League appearances for Ipswich Town captained country in 1982 World Cup finals.



Richard Bailey (Kt): Executive chairman of Royal Doulton Tableware; also on board of Central Independent Television, trustee of British Ceramic Manufacturers' Federation.

Jean Muir (CBE): Fashion designer with international reputation; founded own company in 1966; became a Royal Designer for Industry in 1972; Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.



John Cater (Kt): Retired as chairman (from 1976) of Distillers Company last September, played golf for Scotland, 1952 to 1956.



Sir Sacheverell Sitwell (CH): Writer and poet, known particularly for work on architecture and art; books include *Southern Baroque Art, British Architects and Craftsmen*, and *Gothic Europe*.



John Wain (CBE): Novelist, playwright and poet; professor of poetry at Oxford University from 1973 to 78; books include *The Contenders, A Travelling Woman*, and *Weep Before God*.

Dick Francis (OBE): Author of best selling thrillers set in world of horse racing; former professional jockey, Champion Jockey 1953-54; racing correspondent of *Sunday Express* 1957-73.

New Year Honours in full

PRIME MINISTER'S LIST

LIFE PEERS

BARONS

Bottomley, Arthur George, MP from 1945 to 1959, and from 1962 to 1983. Minister of Overseas Development 1966-67.

Henderson, Sir Peter Gordon, lately clerk of the Parliaments.

McAlpine, Robert Alistair, joint honorary treasurer of the Conservative and Unionist Party.

Mulley, Frederick William, MP for the Park Division of Sheffield 1950-83. Secretary of State for Defence 1976-79.

COMPANIONS OF HONOUR

Runciman, Sir Steven, for services to Byzantine art and history.

Sitwell, Sir Sacheverell, author.

PRIVY COUNCILLORS

Baker, Kenneth Wilfred, MP, Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry.

Clarke, Kenneth Harry, QC, MP, Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security.

Earl of Gowrie, Alexander Patric Greysteil, Minister for the Arts.

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

Badenoch, John, consultant physician, Oxfordshire District Health Authority.

Bailey, Richard John, chairman, Royal Doulton Tableware.

Bathurst, Maurice Edward, QC, for services to international and comparative law.

Bevan, Timothy Hugh, chairman, Barclays Bank.

Bramley, Paul Anthony, Professor of dental surgery, University of Sheffield.

Burnet, James William Alexander, for services to journalism and broadcasting.

Byford, Lawrence, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary.

Cater, John Robert, lately chairman, The Distillers Company.

Davies, Oswald, chairman, Amec.

Eyre, Reginald Edwin, MP, for political and public service.

Finsberg, Geoffrey, MP, for political and public service.

Ford, Richard Brinsley, for services to the arts.

Garner, Anthony Stuart, for political service.

Gold, Arthur Abraham, for services to sport.

Hamill, Patrick, Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

Hugh-Jones, Wynn Normington, for political and public service.

Lane, Peter Stewart, for political service in the south of England.

Lawson, Christopher Donald, for political service.

Le-Marchant, Spencer, for political and public service.

Nixon, Edwin Ronald, chairman and chief executive, IBM United Kingdom (Holdings) Ltd.

Obolensky, Dimitri, professor of Russian and Balkan History, University of Oxford.

Sharp, Kenneth Johnston, lately head of Government Accountancy Service, Department of Trade and Industry.

Shelbourne, Philip, chairman, Britoil.

Simpson, William James, lately chairman, Health and Safety Commission.

Southwood, Thomas Richard Edmund, Linacre Professor of Zoology, University of Oxford.

Sparrow, John, lately director-general, Central Policy Review Staff.

Straker, Michael Ian Bowstead, for public services in the North-east.

Swinson, John Henry Alan, for public services in Northern Ireland.

Thompson, Peter Anthony, chairman and chief executive, National Freight Consortium.

Vane, John Robert, for services to pharmaceutical research.

Vaughan, Gerard Folliott, MP, for political and public service.

Veale, Alan John Ralph, managing director, GEC Power Engineering Ltd., for services to export.

Walters, Peter Ingram, chairman, the British Petroleum Company.

Wilson, David Mackenzie, director, British Museum.

ORDER OF THE BATH

GCB

Cubbon, Sir Brian Crossland, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Home Office.

KCB

Downey, Gordon Stanley, Comptroller and Auditor General.

Middleton, Peter Edward, Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury.

CB

F G Allen, clrk of jrnls, H of Comms; J F H Barker, princ dir, MOD; R A Browning, dep sec, Overseas Devel Admin; W Dermott, hd of Agric Sci Serv, Min of Agric; J Gill, sec, Expt Cred Guar Dpt; J S Goldsmith, dir gen, Def Acc, MOD; T M Heiser, dep sec, Dept of Env; E R Heward, ch mast of Sup Crt (Chancery Div); G G Hulme, dep sec, DHSS; I H Lightman, dep sec, Welsh Off; J H Locke, dir, Hlth and Safty Exc; W D C Lyddon, ch planng offr, Scot Devt dept; I T Manley, dep sec, Dept Engy; D B Rogers, dep sec, In rev; P W Rumble, Und Sec, Dep of Env; R M Hastie-Smith, dep sec, MOD; S A T Warren, dep sec MOD; R J Weir, ch MO, DHSS, N Ireland.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

D A Nicholls, asst sec, MOD.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

DBE

Tilney, Guinevere (Lady Tilney), for political and public service.

Warnock, Mrs Helen Mary, for public service.

CBE

Miss M P Abbott, ltly prin, Dunfermline Coll of PE; K A Abel, ch exec, Dorset Cnty Ccl; D Alford, archt; D Alliance, ch exec, Vantona Viyella; A T Altschule ltly dir, Dept of Nurs, Univ of Edin; A J R Anderson, polit and publ serv; P E G Balfour, chm, Scott Ccl; J c Ballantyne, surg; P M Barclay, ch, Nat Inst for Soc Wrk; W C Beattie, chm Clothing and Allied Products Ind Trg Bd; T M Biggart, ltly pres, Law Soc of Scotld; A H Boggon, dep ch Agric Offr, Dep of Agric for Scotld; D E Bolt, ltly chm, Cent Ctee for Hosp Med Serv; J Butterworth, serv to physics at Imp Coll of Sci and Technol; I T Campbell, polit serv in Scotld; A M C Christopher, chm, NACRO; K M Clayton, serv to Univ Grants Ctee and UAC; C E Coffin, dir-gen, Food Man Fed; J W Cook, off solic, Ch Cons for Eng; U Corbett, pres, Brit Poultry Fed; P Crosland, FCO; P Darrell, artistic dir, Scott Ballet; B F Edbrooke, dir, Dept of Tspt; R W Ellis, Mast, Marlboro Coll.

J V Elwes, polit serv in S Eng; H R Featherstone, dir-gen, Freight Tspt Assn; G E Fenn, ch const, Ches; A Field, fin dir, Arts Ccl; F Finlay (Frank Finlay), actor; H Fish, serv to Nat Env Res Ccl and wtr supplies; N Fletcher, polit serv; T V N Fortescue, ltly sec gen, Food and Drink Indust Ccl; J K G Galbraith, serv to for partic Scotland; J Gaston, ch and ch exec N Ireland Electr Serv; J Gilchrist, ch valuer, Scotland, In Rev; Miss C E Giles, polit and publ serv in Scotland; K H Grange, ptnr, Pentagram Desgn; Mrs N Harrison, ch, of Ctee ctee, AMA; H F C Hebeler, serv to vet profsn, animal welfare; J Hodgson, frmly mgg dir, BT Internat; A R Houseman, ch, econ devel ctee for gauge and tool indust; A A J Hudson, bde sec, Boys' Bde; G P Hutchinson, polit and publ serv in N Eng; R F Jackson, dep mgg dir and dir, eng, N div, UKAEA; J L Jinks, prof of genetics, Univr of Birm; N W Jones, ltly grp ch exec Lloyds Bnk; T Jones, publ serv in Wales.

J D Kay, ch arch, dept of ed and sc; R D Keynes, prof of physg, Camb U; J C Lavin, dir ROF, Chorley, MOD; J M Little, dep chm and dir engg, Anderson Strathclyde; S W Lockhart, procurator fiscal, Ayr; D R Lomer, ltly bd mbr, CEGB; D H Lowndes, dir, Newspaper Soc; B G Mabey, chm, Mabey and Johnson, serv to expt; J S Marshall, serv to loc govt in Portsmth; O S Masefield, ltly chm, Motor Insurers' Bureau, Ccl of Bureaux and Motor Conf; J Midgley, ltly asst sec Customs and Ex; D Milnoprio, polit serv; O C D Mitchell, polit serv; H Morris, ch, Welsh Indust Dev Adv Bd; H Mortimer, serv to brass band music; Baron Moritstone, polit and pub serv; Mrs J E Leuckert (Jean Muir), desgnr and dir Jean Muir Ltd; E H Newham, dir Eng, Thorn EMI Electronic; S R Newman, polit serv; R Ogden, ch, Ogden gr of co; F W O'Grady, fndtn prof of microblgy, Nott U; Miss Z E Oxlade, ltly ch, Gen Nurs Ccl for Eng and Wales.

J F Physick, dep dir, V & A Mus; A M Pilch, serv to care in retrmt; Lady Ralphs, chm of ccl, Magstrts' Assn; K Rawnsley, prof and hd of Dept of Psycholog Med, Welsh Nat S of Med; R M W Rickett, dir, Middlx Poly; H Rose, grp tech dir, Foseco Minsep; B J Rusbridge, Sec, Loc Auth Conditns of Serv Advisy Bd; F T Salt, supply dir, RR; L A Sanson, market dir, Brit Aerospace, serv to expt; J B Sewel, pres, Coventn of Scott Loc Auth; A T B Shand, chm, Alexndr Shand Holdgs; C W Shannon, asst dir, Dept of Dir Pub Pros, N Ireland; J V Sheffield, ltly chm, Busnss Educ Ccl; A A Shepherd, mgg dir, Ferranti Electron; Miss A M Sheridan, dep dir, soc wk serv, DHSS; A E Singer, mgg dir, BBC TV; A K Smith, mgg dir, prod div, Babcock Power; C R Smith, ltly pre, Brit Textile Confed, serv to expt; D N Spratt, chm, Lowlds of Scotld TAVR, Assn; R Tear, singer; T J Thomson, pres, R Coll of phys and Surgs of Glasgow; R W Tookey, dir, Shell Internat Marine; J B Wain, writer and poet; L J F Wheeler, reg dir, pris serv, Home Off; J H W Wilder, chm, John Wilder; P Williams, j/man dir, Wedgwood, serv to expt.

OBE

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Frank Finlay (CBE): Actor, star of TV series *Casonova, Bouquet of Barbed Wire*; many stage roles include Jesus, in *Son of Man*, Iago in *Othello*, Joxer Daley in *Juno and the Paycock*.



Fulton MacKay (OBE): Actor, appeared in popular TV comedy series *Porridge*; stage work includes *Peer Gynt* at Old Vic, *In Celebration* at Royal Court, *The Caretaker* at Shaw Theatre.

Peter Walters (Kt): Became BP youngest chairman in November, 1981, aged 50, and first to have been to grammar school and redbrick university

David Alliance (CBE): Aged 51, chief executive of Vantona Viyella; driving force behind merger of Carrington Viyella and Vantona

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... E R Rabsatt, serv to commty in Virgin Is; Mrs S Rome, serv to Brit commty in India; E Sandys, serv to Brit cult intrsts in New York; Mrs R Scott, serv to Brit commty in Nigeria; Mrs V C Shrubsree, ltly v-consul, HM Emb, Caracas; A P Simon, serv to Brit Commty in Colombia; Mrs H Smithies, archivst, Brit Cons-Gen, Johannesburg; J M Tanner, educ serv to Brit commty in Yokohama; Mrs A A Tatem, supernumary sen acct offr, Turks and Caicos is; P W Tsang, recruit Offr civil aid serv, HK; E Victor prin youth and careers offr dept of Ed Gib; B Volce, ltly admin off Brit Ccl, Madrid; F M Walker serv to Brit comml intrsts in Tokyo; Miss K E Wildman pers sec HM emb, Madrid; J Wilson, serv to devel in Mozambique Mrs A Wright, serv to wildlife conserv in India

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

P Chan, asst dir of Hous, HK; J H Grieve CPM, ltly ch supt, R H K Pol; M C Illingworth, asst commr, R H K Pol; D R Rick, ltly Govt printer, H K

NEW ZEALAND LIST

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

Bowman, Charles Erskine, for services to local government and the community.

O'Regan, Mr Justice John Barry, Judge of the High Court.

Ross, Lewis Nathan, chairman, Bank of New Zealand.

Thorn, John Samuel, for services to local government and the community.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

GCMG

Muldoon, Robert David, MP, Prime Minister.

CMG

N B Fippard, publ and commty serv; A R Turner, serv to local govt and commty.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

Leuchars, William Douglas, President New Zealand Returned Services Association.

Rex, Robert Richmond, premier of Niue.

CBE

W J Brown, serv to Porirua; Mrs V G Foster, serv to Save the Child fnd; J H Ingram, serv to mfg and enging profsn; R H Kerr, serv to NZ Hosp Bds Assn and commty; Mrs A Talbot, serv to Women's Div Fed Frmrs of NZ; G P Ward, serv to fruit-gwg indust.

Military Division

Cdre D B Domett, RNZN.

OBE

G C Brain, serv to music; G T-O H Brennan, serv to Maori people; J W Brodie, serv to oceangrphy; Mrs C B Cartwright, serv to commty; C G R Chavasse, serv to forstry conservtn and commty; R H Clark, ltly Prof of Geology, Vict Wellington Univ; H M Denton, serv to educ and tourism; J D Laird, serv to pottery; K D Macartney, serv to dairy indust and commty; G I C McDouall, serv to NZ Red Cross Soc and commty; H T Mahon, serv to rowing; R B Miller, ltly, ch dir Dept of Scient and Indus Res; Mrs Lois Joan Muir, serv to netbll, M O W Pomare, serv to Maori people and commty, S A Rushbatch, dep asst Commr, NZ Pol; R W Southcombe, serv to export; S L Young, ch trffc supt, Min of Trspt.

Military Division

Cdr R J Eckford, RNZN; Gp Capt M W Hodge, RNZAF; Col W C Nathan, Cols' List (Terr Force).

MBE

H Botham, serv to music; O E Clayton, serv to brass bnds; M T Cooper, serv to lcl govt and commty affrs; A B Cowan, serv to conservtn; O M Curtis, serv to search and rescue ops and commty; W J Funnel, serv to search and rescue ops; R W J Harrington, serv to lcl govt and commty affrs; Mrs H-N-T-P, Judith Haumaha, serv to Maori people, Mrs R H A Haylock, serv to Girl Guide movmnt and commty; E G Hiscock, serv to ocean sailing; Mrs S O Hiscock, serv to ocean sailing; A R B Kingsford, serv to commty; L F Luxton, serv to NZ Navy League and commty, E A Morgan, ltly, asst Dir, Govt Communics Security Bureau, MoD; C A Morse, serv to commty; Mrs C O Nicholson, serv to music; W M Nicol, serv to kiwifruit indust; Mrs L K Parker, serv to netball; J N Pound, serv to commty; Mrs J Roberts, serv to Women's Div Fed Frmrs of NZ; R D Scott, ltly, sen Caslty offr, Accdnt and Emrgncy Dept, N Cantrbry Hosp Bd; P G Scoular, servs to engrg prof; G L Tucker, serv to thorobred racng; R E Walton, welf and commty serv

Military Division

W Off 1 T N Archer, RNZ Eng; Sq Ldr P J Garnett, RNZAF; W off Yeo of Sign B Hill, RNZN; Temp W Off 1 K Herewini, NZSAS; Maj E G Steel, RNZ Inf Reg; Maj B A Stewart, RNZ Engs

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Military Division

CPO Admin A F Godinet, RNZNVR; CPO Rad Elec Mech W J McAlpine, RNZN; S Sgt M W Pennington, RNZEME (Terr Force); CPO PT Inst G Pettis, RNZN; F Sgt E J Russell, RNZAF; S Sgt V K Timu, NZSAS

QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mrs E W Haar, B Hollard; I W Jenkin, M A McRae, Mrs M C Natusch

QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

Mrs C E Armstrong, D W R Bell; J T Brockliss, E M Elliott, R R Forster, director of the Otago Musm, J Y Petrie, G D Pringle, ltly, gen mgr, site insurance off, A W Reeve; L H Tangaere, W J Wall

QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

J W Ackroyd Kelly, B J Bennett; K R Cairns, K G Daniell, L J Fahey; C H Finnerty, E J Hancock; R K Hyams, C W Ireland, E G Mason; Mrs K Maxwell, Mrs L E Mills, J C Nesfield; Mrs M T R M Ngarimu; Miss N S Nisbet, M Pamatatau, H G Stokes, Mrs D D Sutherland; G H Ward

QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

Mrs M M K Carr, L C Carter; B Fabish, Miss M J Grant; Miss I N Greenstreet, publ hlth nurs, Warkworth; Miss M R Holley; H Johnston; Miss M King, G A McGregor, D J S Ogle, ltly, offr in chg, Aupouri frst, NZ Frst Serv, M Raureti, ltly, dist commty offr dept of Maori Affrs, Hamilton; Mrs R T Shroff, Miss E A Thompson, E R Tyson, ltly Sgt, NZ Pol

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

A C W Lambert, supt, NZ Pol, C G Whitefield, const, NZ Pol

QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

P G Ide, dep ch fire offr, Invercargill Bde; D J Pilcaithly, dist offr, New Brighton Vol Bde; R A Taylor, st offr, Upr Hutt Bde.

AIR FORCE CROSS

F Lt R J Newlands, RNZAF.

ROYAL RED CROSS

Associate, Second Class

Maj D M Shaw, RNZ Nurs Corps.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR

Lt J N Grant, RNZN; Ft Lt C F Pearce RNZAF.

COOK ISLANDS

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

Mrs M N E K Story, publ and commty serv

MBE

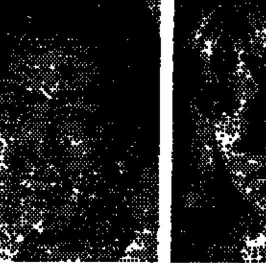
T Tangaroa, MP, serv to pple of Cook Is.



Reginald Eyre (Kt): Conservative MP for Birmingham, Hall Green since 1965; former Under-Secretary of State at the departments of Transport, Environment, Trade; solicitor, company director.



Geoffrey Finsberg (Kt): Conservative MP for Hampstead and Highgate; former Under-Secretary of State at the departments of Health and Social Security, and Environment; former industrial relations adviser.



Dr Gerard Vaughan (Kt): Conservative MP for Reading East; Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, 1982-83, and for Health and Social Security, 1979-82; former consultant at Guy's Hospital, London.



Lady Susan Hussey (DCVO): Lady in Waiting to the Queen (appointed this month), having been Woman of the Bedchamber to the Queen since 1960; wife of Mr M J Hussey, director of Times Newspapers Ltd.

Ann Jellicoe (OBE): Playwright and director; founder, 1979, and director, Colway Theatre Trust; plays include *The Knack* (filmed, 1965); also wrote *Shell Guide to Devon*; married to Roger Mayne.

Joe Loss (MVO): Aged 74, Queen's favourite bandleader, played at three royal wedding receptions and other royal events; silent film accompanist in 1920s, formed own orchestra 1930, first broadcast 1934.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Mrs D A Adams, serv to commty in Birmingham; K C Aldred, station superv, Lowestoft, BR; Mrs D A Allen, off keeper gr 1A, Home Off; G R Allen, chrghnd mason, anct mon and hist bulds dir, Dept of Env; J Allen, serv to Nat Assn of Boys Clubs in Northumbld; W T L Allen, res and exprmntl mech eng div, Winfrith UK AEA; J W Allerton, CPO, BP; R N Alston, const, Lothian and Borders Pol; Miss J S Anderson, gen admin clk, Haven Prod, Large; D T Arana, assmblr mldr, Camb [illegible]

Medlock Engg; T S Cross, serv to commty; J T Davenport, frmn warehsmn, LUWKA Storge; B Davies, sen ovrmn, Trelewis Drift Mine; Mrs M S Davies, cnty org, St John Amb; B Dawson, rtnd sub-offr, Durham Fire Bde; A Dodd, convnr, AUEW; L T Draper, Const, Beds Constab; N C Dunn, postmn, Stoke-on-Trent; A G Edwards, serv to the commties of Llangenny and Glangrwyney; M Edwards, chm, Glasgow and W Scotld cadet offirs' cttee, St Andrew's Amb Assn; G G Elliott, Const, [illegible]

Logan, psll exec hd PO, Sheff; J A Loughlin, illy swtchbd att, N W Electr Bd; Mrs S B M Lucas, chm, Croxley Hous Resid Cib, WRVS; A McG McCorkindale, btswn, Ben Line; Miss M MacDonald, tel sperv, Sheffield U; W K McDonald, sen strkpr, MoD; J A McGorman, illy sen frmn, Ulst Shelt Employ; T I McIntyre, serv to amtr drmtcs, SE Scotld; J McKechnie, frmn, Y & C Valvwrk, Glasgow; Miss M A Mackinnon, ch offr HM Prison, Cornton vale; W McL McLachlan, profsnl, techn offr, MoD; [illegible]

F C Richards, serv to comm; G A Riddell, profsnl and technol off, Dep of Env; Miss A M W Ritchie, charge hand, J & P Coats; F H Roberts, CPO, Sea Cadet Corps; C E Robinson, profsnl and technol off, Dep of Trspt; H Roddis, frmn, Yorks Electr Bd; A Rooney, turner, Clark Hawthorn; F Rottier, Sgt, Grtr Manchstr Pol; Miss A Scorer, auxiliary obsrvr, Lincoln, Metrlgcl off; Miss D M Scott, sen ch suprv, oprtr serv div, BT Internat; W I Sewell, MOD; W G T Shewell, [illegible]

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... NAAFI; G A J Crisp, qty mgr, Hebron and [illegible]

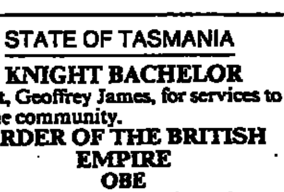
... J E Jones, frmn, tspt, J. Bibby & Sons; B Kell, hghwy supt, W Yorks C Ccl; W J Kelsey, W Off ATC; Mrs R N Kennedy, admin asst, social tspt org, Edin Dist WRVS; Mrs O M Kershaw, area sperv ctrg serv dept, Coventry; C R Kidd, ftr mech, Dept of Env; H King, supt prod, devel test sec, Mil Transm Div, Dvd Brown Gear Indust; Mrs M L E Knight, hm hlp, Herts C Ccl; J H Lark, FCO; L G Lawrence, strs sperv offr, Off of Recvs, Met Pol; G V [illegible]

... Paterson, cntble serv in Port Talbot area; Mrs S Peachey, tel, Invest Br, Bd of Customs and Ex; R G Peeling, grdnr, Peckover Hous, Wisbech, NT; Mrs E Perry, serv to commty Taunton area; G M Pinkney, prog insp Engr, Davy McKee (Stockton); E Plummer, const, Yorks Met Pol (died Nov 30, 1983); F J Pitt, chrghnd electr Ord Surv; C H Porter, serv to Boys' Bde, Lndn; D J Powell, mntnnce contr, Ed Curran, Cardiff; J E Pewley, mlng superv, HQ British Gas; S Pushman, asst ch phtprntr, Dept of Trade and Indust; R Raine, illy blcksmth, Hd Wrightson Stampngs.

... Mrs E E White, serv to Elderly; G V White, techni offr, BT; Miss K A White, youth offr, Red Cross Soc; L Whittle, illy caretkr, Clifton Prim S, Hull; K Wieclawski, orthpdc shmkr, Carnforth, Lancs; Mrs D V Wigger, serv to Commty; A H Williams, eng, Brit Gas; Miss M L Williams, serv to commy; H Wilson, trg offr, NCB.

R E C Windo, serv eng, S W R, Brit Gas; B J Wood, shipkpr, MoD; Mrs E Wooldridge, home help, Kirklees; A J Wright, porter/cleaner, Off of Arts and Libs; Mrs I D Wright, forewmn clnr, Met Pol; W L Yarnell, serv to commty; A S Young, hd forstr and est frmn, Garden Estate.

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE LIST



STATE OF QUEENSLAND

KNIGHT BACHELOR

Edwards, Dr Llewellyn Roy, for services to government and parliament.

ORDER OF THE BATH

CB

D G Wilson, gov med offr.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

K Williams, serv to commty.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

R A Henderson, serv to commty.

OBE

Miss J E Godfrey, hd of dept of nurs studs, Qlnd Inst of Technol; J McG McIntyre, serv to engg and commty; A F Sherlock, serv to scouts; R Stafford, serv to commty and local govt; R B Taylor, serv to commty.

MBE

J A Beasy, serv to commty; G S C Butt, serv to commty; W E Gregory, serv to commty; J D M Thompson, serv to polocrosse; F Tooma serv to Lebanese commty; E W Wagner, serv to dntstry; H I Walker, serv to commty.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Mrs H J E Bloyce, serv to commty; Mrs S H Day, serv to commty; Mrs A B Denholm, serv to commty; Mrs A M Gillingham, serv to marchg girls; H F McCosker, illy Supt, Qslnd Pol; Miss C I McLaughlin, serv to commty; Miss F Mellick, serv to commty in music; A E Peck, serv to commty; J A M Van Vegchel, serv to commty; A Zillman, serv to commty.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

D F McDonald, Asst Commr, Qslnd Pol.

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

C Gilmour, dir-gen of educ.

STATE OF TASMANIA

KNIGHT BACHELOR

Foot, Geoffrey James, for services to the community.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

H A Jerrim, serv to religin and commty.

MBE

C McR Archer, serv to commty; M M House, serv to commty.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

F E N Barnard, serv to commty; J McI Bratt, serv to mtr cycling; Mrs A I Jarvis, serv to commty.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

A B Swinton, asst commr, Tasmania Pol.

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

D T Doyle, dir-gen of lands.

OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Mrs J Bolton, sen conf asst, Quarts Off, HK; J A Bossino, drvr to Ch Min, Gib; P-L Cheung, asst hous mgr, HK; S-K Fung, prin surv offr, PWD, HK; Mrs P-Y Ho Lai, sen clrcl offr, immig dept, HK; P-M Lee, liaisn offr, aux med serv, HK; T-M Lin, buildg superv, PWD, HK; F Parody, illy shift engr, electr dept Gib.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

M Rowling, commr of pol, Gib.

COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL

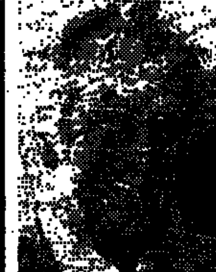
C J W Bagley, sen supt, RHK Pol; S-C Chan, asst div offr HK Fire Serv.; Y-K Chan, ch insp, RHK aux pol; C-C P Chau, sen supt, RHK aux pol; P Cheung, prin frmn, HK fire serv; Y-W Fung, stn sgt, RHK Pol; S-T Li, prin frmn, HK fire serv; K-S Ngai, serg RHK Pol; M G F Prew, sen supt RHK Pol; Y-M Tsang, station sergt, RHK Pol; T-K Wong, sen supt RHK Pol.

QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

L-B Lam, ch offr, HK Fire serv.



Maurice Hope (MBE): Former British, Commonwealth, European and World light middleweight champion, born in Antigua, but achieved fame winning and defending titles mainly in Europe.



Joyce Smith (MBE): Britain's senior woman athlete, holder of national women's marathon best time, and national champion at distances from one mile to marathon in last 20 years.

Sir Steven Runciman (CH): International scholar, author of *The History of the Crusades*, lecturer, writer on Byzantine world; British diplomat in Middle East, 1940-41; knighted, 1958.

ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER

DCVO

Hussey, Lady Susan Katharine.

CVO

D S Allhusen; Miss M Murray Brown; M W Leonard; J P B Brooke-Little; A Morrison.

MVO Fourth Class

Miss J Egerton Warburton; J French; L J Gost; J A Loss; A C Moore; J I D Pottinger; G T Ross; S N G Sloot.

MVO Fifth Class

Mrs C D Auton; Miss J Bartlett; S O Burgess; Miss F M Fletcher; R S French; C M Gariq; D B F Gorringe; P D Hartley; B P Jeffery; H Northey.

ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL

Silver

S R Buchan; A Craig; C J Crowe; W Fenwick; Miss A Gardiner; G W Gordon; P Greenaway; A W Haines; A Merrylees; Mrs V A Minell; J Wakeham; T J Warner.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

L Adams, Cdr, Met Pol, Esher; J Bethom, ch sup, Mersey, Liverpool; J W Bowman, asst ch const, Tayside; J MacT Boyd, asst ch const, Strath; N L Chapple, ass ch const S Wales; G S Elliott, ch sup, Dorset; R K Field, ch sup, Sussex; A M Hayward, Cdr, Met; I H Kane, ch const, Cambs; C F Lockyer, ch sup, Wilts; D J Mitchell, Cdr, Met; G Parry, ch sup, G Manchstr; T J Quinn, ch insp, RUC; A H A Stuart, ch sup, Kent; M A Taylor, cdr, Met; F Trussler, ch sup, Surrey; R O West, ch sup, Hants; L H Whitton, dep ch const, Glos.

QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

R L Baldwin, temp dep asst ch offr, Lond; J W Cassady, ch offr, Guernsey; B L Child, dep ch fire offr, Air Force Dept Fire Ser; N Musselwhite, ch offr, Somerset; P C Rodgers, D ch offr, E Sussex; G B Scotford, dep ch offr, R Berks; W Tozer, dep ch offr, Durham.

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

HOME CIVIL SERVICE

A Armstrong, prin, Dep of Trade and Industry; J H Baines, illy prin profsnl and Technol Offr, MOD; P A Blomfield, prin, Brd of Customs and Ex; R Bolton, illy Dep Contr, DHSS; Miss R M Bunn, Prin Scient Offr, Brit Libry; F L Canter, Princ Trng Servs Offr, Dept of Empl; R Carr, Reg Entmlgst, Min of Agric; A A Gibbons, first class Valr, In Rev; A J Hannan, Asst Dir (Engrg), MOD; Mrs H Helps, Prin, Dept of Trade and Indust; S A Jones, illy Princ Marine servs off (Engr), MOD; J M McNicol, illy princ, MOD; W G Mason, illy Princ, Lord Chncllor's Dept; D S Mercer, FCO; R Moffat, Div Vet Offr, Min of Agric; J A Nugent, Princ Offr, DHSS, N Irlnd; Miss B O'Callaghan, Princ, Indust Dept for Scotld; R Pilcher, Prin Prof Technol Offr, Dept of Env; E J Pratt, Princ, Procurtr Gen and Treas Solctr's Dept; G P Ranaldi, Prin, Cabnt Off; P G Rolfe, Insp, In Rev; Miss B E Sabey, Sen Prin Scient Offr, Dept of Tspt; D L Smith, Sen Prin, Home Off; J W Taylor, FCO; J P Wright, Prin, DHSS.

BAHAMAS

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

M H Eldon, Bishop of Nassau and Bahamas.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

Miss A J Maura, dep perm sec, Cabnt Off.

MBE

Mrs H U Cunningham, serv to educ; G B Dorsett, serv to agric and commty; Mrs W C Mortimer, serv to commty; E Rahming, asst supt, R Bahamas Pol.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

D Bain, serv to nurs; Mrs L Coakley, serv as librn; Mrs E E Cooper, serv to teaching; E P Johnson, serv to commty; Mrs L McDonald, serv to teaching; Mrs A Roberts, serv to educ; Mrs W Sweeting, serv to musci educ.

ST LUCIA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

J A R Bousquet, Min of Hlth and Hous.

OBE

L M Augier, ch Eng Pub Wrks; L M Mason E Caribbean High Commr to Canada (retd).

MBE

N St A Etienne, publ serv; Mrs C C Rene, serv to educ; D G R St Omer, serv to art.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Miss M M Auguste, soc work amng poor; E G Deterville, serv as pharmcst.

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

N R Cummings, publ serv; R B A Richards, serv to educ.

MBE

P E Prescod, serv to music.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR

E T Wild, pilot trg mgr, Orion Airwys.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

L J Hannett, serv to Solomons Prov.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

Holloway, Barry Blyth, MP, for services to politics and government.

CBE

W J Andrew, serv to law; S V Goava, publ and commty serv.

Military Division

G M Mamac, P N G Def Force.

OBE

N R Agonia, publ serv; H G Ewing, serv to bnkng; H C H Humphreys, MP, serv to commty; F R Iramu, serv to law; J N Maiah, serv to lcl and prov govt; W K Moi, serv to med; G N Mosuwadoga, serv to cult.

MBE

Mrs J Kedana, serv to women; Mrs B Lafe, serv to women; G J A Lucas, publ serv; M O Mondia, serv to Corrctve Instit Serv; H Moses, serv to indust rels; G Panao, publ and commty serv; N Pasul, serv to govt; H F Pelgen, serv to commty; Mrs H Rei, serv to commty; Miss C Secron, serv to relgn; P Tapural serv to lcl govt; A Tobeta, Sgt Maj, R Papua New Guinea Constab; L J Woo, serv to commty; F Yavin, serv to polit.

Military Division

Maj P M Dennis, R Aust Inf; Ch Wt Off T Tuges, P N G Def Force.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

K Arua, serv to hlth; G M Birua, Sgt, R P N G Constab; P B Mauwa, sen const, R P N G Constab; M Pokuasa, Sgt, R P N G Constab; T Saganolk, serv to hlth; H B Wangu, publ serv; N Wiru, publ serv as intrprtr.

Military Division

L Col D Babowa, P N G Def Force; Sgt K Rawalo, P N G Def Force.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

L Dion, asst Commr, R P N G Constab; C Pulai, Ch Supt, R P N G Constab.

FIJI

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

J M Mavoa, Min for Ag and Fish.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

C P Bideşi, perl, mun and commty serv; Mrs S Parkinson, serv to hlth and nutrtn; R I V M Waqanivizu, pub and commty serv.

MBE

D H Bull, serv to Commty; A L Frith, asst gen mgr (trg and persnnl) Native Ld Trust bd; R Mudaliar, dep chm, Fiji Rd Safety Ccl; M Sila, serv to educ.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

E Nabuta, supervr water; B Prasad, prin superv offr (water); N V Tuikokova, exec offr, Native Ld Trust Bd.

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

I T Tudrau, sen obs med serv.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

Mrs R Sisiolo, serv to nurs; F Soaki, comm R Sol Is Pol

MBE

Mrs K Hughes, serv to women; Mrs E Kabac, serv to commrce; Q P Yee, serv to commrce.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

D Bakeua, serv to commty; F Maedola, serv to loc music; L Mamata, serv to fishng; L Susia, serv to broadcstng.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

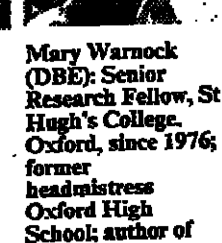
B L S Walling, serv to scoutg, ch and sport.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

R F Baptiste, dep commr, R Antigua and Barbuda Pol.



Patrick Hamill (Kt): Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police, since 1977; former Chief Constable, Glasgow; Officer of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, 1978; awarded Queen's Police Medal, 1979.



Mary Warnock (DBE): Senior Research Fellow, St Hugh's College, Oxford, since 1976; former headmistress Oxford High School; author of *What Must We Teach?* 1977, books, papers on ethics, education, existentialism.



Robert Muldoon (GCMG): Prime Minister of New Zealand since 1975 and Minister of Finance; leader of the National Party since 1974, governor of the International Monetary Fund.

Robert Tear (CBE): Concert and operatic tenor; worked with world's leading conductors, created rôles in operas by Benjamin Britten, worked closely with Sir Michael Tippett.

Marie Goossens (OBE): harpist, made debut at Liverpool 1910; former principal harp Covent Garden Opera, Queen's Hall Orchestra, LPO; compositions include music for *Mrs Dale's Diary* radio serial.

Harry Mortimer (CBE): Brass band conductor and impressario; created own brass orchestra "Man O'Brass" in 1950; former brass and military band adviser to BBC; promoter of annual British Open Championship.

Party leaders' new year messages

Thatcher says Britain is on course

The following is the text of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's new year message:

1983 was an historic year for the Conservative Party. We won a decisive victory at the general election. Faced with a clear choice, the British people once again rejected state socialism and supported the ideals of the Conservative Party.

The victory belongs to the thousands of party workers in all the constituencies who worked so hard before and during that election. I want to thank every one of you.

Our commitment remains as strong as ever to the goals we set ourselves in the first term of office: the defence of the realm and of our way of life; support for the rule of law; greater freedom and personal responsibility for our citizens; protection for the most vulnerable members of our society, the sick, the old and the disabled; honest money and prudent finance; and an efficieent and competitive economy which alone can provide secure jobs.

We have already made considerable progress. Inflation has been brought down to its lowest level for years. Production of goods and services is now increasing faster in Britain than in any other country in the European Community. And the prospect for jobs is becoming brighter.

We have shown what can be done. But this is only the beginning of the revival of Britain. We have embarked on our second term with the same enthusiasm and determination with which we came to office four and a half years ago.

But this time we have something else as well. The British people now know that we are as good as our word. And the rest of the world is beginning to know it too.

They know that this government is a reliable ally and a staunch defender of the rule of law, both at home and abroad. They know that this government will never hesitate to stand up for Britain's interests. We shall persist until we secure a fair and reasonable settlement of the problems of the European budget and the Common Agricultural Policy.

And we must all work hard to ensure that Conservative policies for Europe bring a Conservative triumph in the European elections in June.

With the Conservatives, Britain is a country to rely on, a country to invest in, and a country with a future. We want men and women of all ages and in all walks of life to set their hopes high and to carry them through into reality. We want people to succeed, so that they can provide for their own families and so that we, as a country, can afford better health care and improved public services.

That success for the nation will only come through the efforts of individuals. And we shall not be afraid to encourage enterprise and reward success.

But if individuals are to succeed, they need a government which follows a consistent and coherent policy, and sticks to it.

We shall continue to protect the value of your money. We shall continue to control public spending and see that the public gets full value for money. We shall continue to protect the pensioner and the National Health Service.

We shall carry forward our sweeping reforms to protect the customer against monopoly and restrictive practices wherever they are found, in the trade unions, in business, and in the professions too.

And we shall continue to remove from state control industries which ought never to have been nationalized. We have already shown time and again that denationalization saves taxpayers' money and improves service to the customer.

This government already has a reputation for consistency. We are rapidly winning a name for imaginative and radical new ideas.

We shall judge those policies by one simple test: do they make life better for individuals and their families?

No one can accuse this government of complancency. Far from losing our way, we are just getting into our stride. We have stayed right on course. We have kept in tune with the people of this country. And we have remained true to our ideals.

Today, no less than when we first came into office, we believe what we say, we say what we believe, and have the courage to see it through.

And that is why I am convinced that for Britain at least, George Orwell was wrong. 1984 will be a year of hope and a year of liberty.

Kinnock attacks 'synthetic optimism'

The following is the text of Mr Neil Kinnock's new year message:

It is natural that I should feel personal happiness after three months in which I have seen the standing of my party improve significantly and I would very much like to be able to celebrate the new year by looking forward to firm prospects of economic recovery and social advance.

It is a tragedy that neither I nor any other political leader in Britain can do that.

Economic decline continues in spite of the Government's synthetic optimism. Our health and welfare services have been weakened because of the Government's real cuts. If these conditions were inevitable we should have to grin and bear them. And in Britain we would. But things don't have to be like this.

Of course, no government can soothe every personal agony or resolve every personal crisis. But if they have the real desire, and if they have sufficient belief in their own people, modern government can provide the protection which marks a caring society and the stimulus which brings a productive economy.

Faced with technological change a modern British government can and should invest in the equipment and training which will enrich this country.

Faced by mass unemployment a modern British government can and should give the unemployed work on the many tasks which are needed to improve the fabric of our society.

Faced by the ambitions of the superpowers a modern British government can and should challenge their political arrogance and work for secure peace through systematic disarmament.

It is not that there is no way for the current Conservative Government; it is that there is no *will* in the current Conservative Government.

They never listen to the managers who want to invest and produce and sell their companies out of slump. They can't put themselves in the place of a single parent with a young family to bring up. They cannot or will not think how it feels to be a young nurse or doctor whose skills are unused or underused because of health service cut-backs.

We have a government which continues to be as out of touch with the creative people in Britain as it always has been with the needy of Britain. It is a government which displays ruthless strength towards the disadvantaged, but gives craven obedience to the rich and powerful, whether at home or abroad.

In this year of 1984 the people of this country can take numerous opportunities to combat the Government. Most obvious among these are the local elections in May and the European elections in June.

In the local elections the power of the ballot box can and must be used to save the care and opportunity services upon which the real individual liberty of millions of Britons depends.

In the Europeans Assembly elections we can demonstrate that the whole country wants a fair deal from the Common Market, freedom from the superpowers that menace our continent with their missile systems, and economic policies of expansion and growth.

In both of these elections the Labour Party will be using democracy to maintain democracy, not just as a fine abstract principle but as a practical instrument for achieving tangible advances for our people.

We want advance in modern technology to be used as the means to prosperity rather than the source of enforced idleness. We want access to education, health care and housing to remain a right rather than a result of privilege or patronage. We want the children of Britain and of the world to live in security and serenity.

In the Labour Party our new year resolution is to work for those decent and realistic purposes. We hope that all of our fellow citizens who share our values and vision will join us in that task.

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New loft for Queen's pigeons

The Queen's racing pigeon manager, Mr Len Rush, aged 75, who is retiring today, intends to continue flying his birds.

The Queen has given him 50 pigeons which he will fly in his own name.

Mr Allan Pearce, aged 44, a farm lorry driver, is to succeed Mr Rush. Royal birds have been installed in his loft in the back garden of his cottage at Weasenham St Peter, near Sandringham.

Mr Pearce and Mr Rush, the Queen's pigeon manager for 22 years, have had to give an undertaking recently that they would not talk to the press without permission.

Clearer labels for medicines

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain is making the instructions on medicines more readable and easier to understand. From tomorrow the labels in Britain's 11,000 pharmacies will be machine-printed instead of handwritten. The new arrangement is not required by law, but it follows a recommendation by the society to its members.

To make the change, pharmacists have been installing minicomputer systems or have bought typewriters.

Inquiry into pool death

Wandsworth Council in south London is holding an inquiry into how Mr Philip Howe, aged 34,a park security officer, died at a staff Christmas party at the Latchmere swimming centre, Police Constable Edward Moisan told an inquest at Milton Keynes yesterday.

Mr Robert Howe told the inquest his brother had dived into the pool and apparently hit his head on the bottom. The inquest was adjourned until February 17.

Export sabotage

A saboteur was being hunted yesterday after ballbearings were found in diesel engines bound for Iran from R A Lister's factoy in Dursley, Gloucestshire. The firm fears other engines and generators in the £16m order might also have been tampered with.

Fugitive caught

Hugh Phillips, aged 21, who escaped from Sudbury open prison, Derbyshire, on December 15, was recaptured yesterday at his home in Wednesfield, West Midlands. He was serving a year's sentence for car theft and drink-driving.

PC accused

Police Constable Anthony Robinson, aged 41, who is stationed at Aldeburgh, Suffolk, is due to appear before Saxmundham magistrates on January 9 charged with burglary and theft. He was suspended from duty six weeks ago.

Models wrecked

Vandals have wrecked more than half the buildings in a seaside miniature village at Weston-super-Mare, Avon, causing damage estimated at £5,000.



High Fashion: Unsuitably clad ground crew trying to launch M Mignet's glider on a Normandy beach on a calm August afternoon in 1923.

The photograph is one of many in a new book which makes a posthumous tribute to Charles E. Brown, the doyen of British aviation photographers.

Camera above the Clouds spans the formative years of British aviation.

Brown's archives are in the keeping of the RAF museum, Hendon.

Guidelines on snow clearing

Government guidelines have been issued for people who fear being sued for damages if someone slips and is injured in an area where snow has been cleared.

Injured people could sue "if they could successfully prove the householder had been careless in his or her snow clearing and created a new hazard or made the pavement more dangerous than it was before", a Department of Transport spokesman said.

The department said householders should make a thorough job of clearing snow because "half cleared snow can be made more dangerous than that not cleared at all".

If snow was forecast, they should sprinkle cooking salt on the pavement

Galtieri joins two former Presidents indicted for murder and treason

From Our Correspondent
Buenos Aires

Former President Galtieri of Argentina, who was also the Army commander, and the Navy and Air Force commanders who helped him to plan last year's ill-fated Falklands invasion, were arraigned yesterday on charges of murder, torture, and illegal privation of liberty by Argentina's highest military court.

The court appearances came one day after four former armed services commanders, including former Presidents Jorge Videla and Roberto Viola, presented themselves before the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces here. They are accused of the same crimes by the military's new commander-in-chief, the new civilian President, Señor Raul Alfonsin.

In all, nine former service commanders, comprising the first three of four military juntas ruling Argentina since the armed forces seized power here in 1976, are being tried in the Government-ordered courts martial.

One of the two commanders who has not yet beet arraigned



General Galtieri: In the dock with junta colleagues

is former Navy Commander Emilio Massera, who is under "preventive arrest" in a Buenos Aires naval jail pending a civilian court investigation of the mysterious disappearance in 1977 of a Buenos Aires man believed to have been his busines partner.

The courts matial proceedings, begun on Thurday, were ordered in a special decree two weeks ago by President Alfonsin, the 56-year-old leader of the mainly middle class Radical Party, who was inaugurated on December 10 to end nearly eight years of military rule here.

The decree was seen as an effort to fulfill a repeated campaign pledge by Señor Alfonsin to try those responsible for the military's bloody campaign against leftist terrorism in the mid and late 1970s.

More than 6,000 Argentines are believed to have been kidnapped and murdered by state security and armed forces

The new President's initiatives, which include a commission to investigate the fate of the disappeared and special legislation to facilitate the investigation of military personnel by civilian courts, have prompted a broadening perusal by Argentines of their country's bloody past.

Court-ordered exhumations from mass graves of the bodies of presumed victims of state security forces were due to have taken place yesterday in Buenos Aires.

In apparent effort to keep a politically even-handed approach to past civil strife, Señor Alfonsin's Government announced on Thursday the formation of a special anti-terrorist security force

Belaúnde reshuffles Peru Cabinet

Lima (Reuter) – President Fernando Belaúnde Terry of Peru was due to swear in three new ministers yesterday in his biggest Cabinet shakeup in nearly a year.

The reshuffle had been awaited since November 16 when President Belaúnde, who replaced half his 16-member Cabinet last January, said he would make changes in his team before the end of the year.

The most important ministry to change hands is Energy and Mines, which oversees products earning Peru more than half of its yearly export income of about £2,070m.

Peru is the world's second biggest silver producer and the sixth biggest producer of copper. It also exports nearly 40,000 barrels a day of gasoline and fuel oil to the United States and Colombia.

The new minister, Señor Jose Benavides Munoz, aged 55, was previously manager of Peru's main steelmaker, the state-owned Siderperu corporation.

At the Fisheries Ministry, Señor Ismael Benavides Ferreyros, aged 38, now Treasury Vice-Minister, faces the challenge of reviving the battered fisheries sector. Fishmeal output dropped 59 per cent during the first nine months of 1983.

The new Air Force Minister, Lieutenant-General Jose Zlater, aged 53, has responsibility for finding the money in the 1984 austerity budget for up to 26 French-built Mirage 2000 fighters, ordered a year ago.

The first freely elected mayor of a South American capital takes office tomorrow in Lima, a city of five million people (Colin Harding writes).

Señor Alfonso Barrantes Lingàn is far removed from the stereotyped image of a militant Marxist politician: he is a dapper, quietly-spoken lawyer in his mid-fifties, who lards his conversation with references to God. His great achievement has been to bring many of Peru's warring left-wing factions together in an effective electoral alliance.

The mayor's office could be a springboard for Señor Barrantes to stand for president in 1985.

Riot troops seize 100 in Uruguay

Montevideo (Reuter) – Riot troops and mounted police charged into a crowd demonstrating against Urguuay's 10-year-old military Government and arrested about 100 people, witnesses said yesterday.

Several demonstrators were kicked, punched and hit with truncheons during the Thursday night protest. One young man was beaten by several policemen and then dragged to a building site where an officer kicked his head, they said.

Motorists on Montevideo's main avenue blew their horns and neighbours banged saucepans from their balconies

The demonstration, in support of Mr German Araujo, the owner of an independent radio station shut down by the Government, was staged outside the flat where he has been on hunger strike.

Small demonstrations have been held there every day since the radio station was closed on December 27.

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Israelis close Awali bridges

Sidon (Reuter) – Israeli forces blocked all roads into occupied southern Lebanon with barbed wire yesterday as a wave of protest which started in Sidon on Thursday spread north to Beirut.

Israeli officers said the three crossing points – at the Awali bridge on the coast, at Bisri bridge 10 miles inland and at Niha in the Chouf mountains – would be open again on Monday. No explanation was given for the closure.

Military sources in Tel Aviv said technical reasons lay behind closing the two bridges over the Awali, Israel's northern defence line in Lebanon since its forces withdrew from Beirut.

A funeral procession from Beirut was turned back at the Awali yesterday and lorry drivers who had been waiting to cross for days fumed with rage at the surprise closure.

Outbreaks of gunfire around Sidon were reported on Thursday night, but there was no confirmation of new attacks on Israeli troops in the port town.

The closure of the bridges, Southern Lebanon's only links with the rest of the country, followed a marked escalation in anti-Israeli resistence activity and a general stride against the occupation in Sidon.

Security measures imposed at the Awali last month after a bombing in the Tyre are the main cause of Lebanese grievance.

● BEIRUT: The Italian Defence Minister, Signor Giovanni Spadolini, arrived in Beirut unexpectedly yesterday to visit Italy's 2,200-strong contingent to the four-nation Western peacekeeping force in the Lebanese capital, Beirut radio said (Reuter reports).

The radio gave no details of his visit and the Italian military spokesman could not be contacted.

The Italian Defence Ministry said on Thursday that Signor Spadolini had asked the Italian commander in Beirut, General Franco Angioni, to approach the Lebanese Army about reports of army checks and searches inside the Italian zone.

● TEL AVIV: A seven vehicle Irish UN convoy was caught in a guerrilla ambush of an Israel of an Israeli patrol on a coastal road in southern Lebanon. The Israeli pursued their attackers and the Irish, who had taken cover, escaped injury. (AP reports).

● TUNIS: Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, arrived here to chair an urgent meeting of the central committee of Fatah, the divided main component of the PLO (AFP reports).

Locked up 31 years for knowing no English

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

Thirty-one years ago, David Tom was locked up in a mental institution after doctors decided he was mad. But they did not speak to him, nor he to them, because he had no English and the authorities found no one who could speak his dialect of Chinese.

Over the years he learnt only a few words of English including "Me not crazy, why I here?"

He was right and the doctors wrong. Now, after a four-year legal battle, he is free and, at the age of 54, is learning to live outside an institution. He has been awarded £140,000 compensation. He does not talk about his 31 lost years.

Mr Tom arrived in the United States as an illegal immigrant and worked in a restaurant kitchen in San Francisco. Later he moved to Chicago but learned no English because he lived his life within the large Chinese community there.

He became ill with tuberculosis and, isolated and frightened, had a nervous breakdown. Doctors diagnosed schizophrenia, but they found nobody to talk to him. His brother, also living in Chicago, did not volunteer to help him. He, too, was an illegal immigrant and feared he would be deported if he made himself known.

So Mr Tom spent his life in four institutions, talking with no one. It was not until 1978 that he had a conversation in his native tongue. He was taken out for a meal in a Chinese restaurant and began talking to the cook.

He told the cook his story and asked for help. The cook told the hospital worker accompanying him that in his view Mr Tom was not mentally ill, and that started the process which led to his freedom this week.

He is now in the care of Mr Patrick Murphy, a court-appointed guardian, Mr Murphy, a lawyer, said yesterday: "He is living with Chinese people who are helping to guide him back to normal life. Naturally he has been damaged by being locked up for 31 years. He is frightened that he will be sent back".

Climbers airlifted off by order of Muldoon

Timaru, New Zealand (Reuter)–Seven disabled Japanese climbers were airlifted off New Zealand's highest peak on the orders of the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Muldoon.

All members of the Tokyo Deaf and Mute Climbing Society, they were flown down from Mount Cook by Air Force helicopter after ignoring earlier warnings that conditions on the 12,421ft mountain were dangerous.

"They have done their training on Mount Fujiyama where you can walk to the top and back on a Sunday afternoon", Mr Muldoon said. "I suppose there will be a bit of a fuss, but there would have been a worse fuss if they got themselves killed."

Lady Young to visit Grenada

Lady Young, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, will visit Grenada between January 5 and 7, the Foreign Office announced. It will be the first visit by a British minister since the US invasion.

When Lady Young meets the Governor-General, Sir Paul Scoon, and members of the Interim Council, the question of aid will be high on the agenda. Mr Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, will also be visiting Grenada next week.

Two survive in plane wreckage

Albuquerque, New Mexico (Reuter) – A pilot and his son are in hospital after surviving the five days of freezing temperatures in the wreckage of a light aircraft that crashed in rugged mountains near her.

Mr Tony Mink, aged 36, an aircraft dealer, and his son Brian, aged 14, were found by a search helicopter. Mr Mink's wife, Charlene, died shortly after the crash.

Royal escape

Salzburg (Reuter) – Princess Margriet of The Netherlands and her husband and two sons escaped unhurt from a two-car collision which killed a 20-year-old West German, the other driver near here. The princess is a sister of Queen Beatrix.

Test-tube trio

Kiel (AP) – A West German woman, aged 26, has given birth to Europe's first set of test-tube triplets, doctors announced here. The babies, all boys, were delivered by Caesarean section and they and their mother are doing fine.

Writer punished

Moscow (Reuter) – Michel Heller, the Russian writer who has lived in France for the past decade, was deprived of his Soviet citizenship in an official decree published here. It accused him of "systematic hostile activities".

Tourists hurt

Budapest (AP) – Sixteen West German tourists were injured, six of them seriously, when their bus crashed into a ditch while being overtaken by a lorry in dense fog. The Hungarian lorry driver was arrested.

Plague victims

Dar es Salaam (Reuter) – Plague has killed 10 more people in northern Tanzania, bringing the death toll over the past two weeks to 29.

Artful dodgers

Manila (Reuter) – About 40 boys apparently trained by modern-day Filipino Fagins as petty thieves, pickpockets and bag-snatchers have been arrested here. They ranged in age from six to 14.

Explosions at mosques cause panic

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

The recent upsurge of terrorist attacks inside Israel and the occupied territories intensified yesterday with the explosion of two booby-trapped grenades outside mosques in the West Bank city of Hebron, and a narrowly foiled attempt to blow up a crowded bus full of Jewish passengers in Jerusalem.

The bomb on the bus was safely defused after being spotted under a seat as the vehicle was driving close to the main open air market. Earlier this month, Mr Yassir Arafat's wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization claimed responsibility for a similar attack in which six Jews were killed, and more than 30 injured.

Yesterday one Islamic holy man was injured in the Hebron blasts, both of which were claimed in a call to Israel radio by an extreme right-wing Jewish organization called Terror Against Terror (words, which in their original Hebrew make up the ominous acronym, TNT). The Israeli Army-issue fragmentation grenades were the same as those used in nine similar attacks against Arab or Christian targets in and around Jerusalem over the past three weeks.

The PLO bus bomb is assumed to have been the catalyst which prompted the latest wave of Jewish revenge attacks. Yesterday's Mosque explosions caused mass panic throughout the West Bank because the caller claimed that two more attacks against Arab targets were planned later

Mr Mustapha Natche, the deposed Arab Mayor of Hebron, accused the Israel military authorities of overall responsibility for the mosque explosion, and called for a determined effort to arrest the culrpits. No arrests have yet been made for the string of recent attacks claimed by Terror Against Terror, and the Government has been blamed for not ensuring a proper investigation.

Madrid hunt for envoy's killer

Madrid – Spanish police were yesterday hunting, among opponents of Mr Yassir Arafat, Palestine Liberation Organization leader, for the man who on Thursday shot dead a Jordanian Embassy official (Richard Wigg writes). They had few clues, apart from a claim for responsibility by the so-called Arab Revolutionary Brigades, made in a telephone call to Paris.

Police think the killer of Walid Jamal Balkiz, aged 34, may have belonged to the Abu Nidal Palestinian terrorist group, which in September last year killed in Madrid a first secretary of the Kuwait Embassy.

Mission to Syria: Mr Jackson (right) and his party on the flight from New York

Hopeful Jackson flies to Damascus

Frankfurt, (AP) – The Rev Jesse Jackson left yesterday on the second leg of his journey to Syria, saying he was hopeful about arranging the release of the US Navy pilot Lieutenant Robert Goodman, captured during an American raid on Syrian positions in Lebanon.

"The point is, if we do nothing, nothing will happen," he said after resting in a VIP lounge following an overnight flight from New York.

Mr Jackson, accompanied by a delegation of US clergymen, left for Damascus on a Lufthansa flight.

The civil rights leader and Democratic presidential candidate told reporters that neither race nor politics played a role in his decision to fly to Syria.

"This is a truly American matter. I have been involved in humanitarian missions in the past."

Mr Jackson said he was carrying a letter from Lieutenant Goodman's mother, who lives in New York. He spoke to her by telephone shortly before leaving Frankfurt and said he promised to try to arrange a telephone call from her son if possible.

"We will appeal to President Assad (of Syria) to release him on humanitarian grounds."

US fails to muster much support for its threat of withdrawal

Britain tries to change Unesco from within

The British Government has no intention of following the United States' decision to withdraw from Unesco, the cultural agency of the United Nations.

This was made clear yesterday in a Foreign Office statement which emphasizes that Britain is better placed to achieve improvements and economies from within the organization.

Washington's reasons for withdrawal were given as the alleged extravagance of Unesco and its "hostilities" to a free society.

The Foreign Office statement says: "The United Kingdom fully understands the reasons which have led the United States to take their decision to withdraw. We have always been foremost among those member-countries of Unesco which have been critical of the organization's performance

"We have, in particular, led the resistance to all attempts to restrict the freedom of the media through a 'New World Information and Comminications Order', and to redefine human rights in a way which would only restrict them for the individual."

"We have fought hard to keep down the organization's costs, particularly at its Paris headquarters.

"During the last general conference in October-November, 1983, the UK, together with other like-minded countries, secured a significant reduction in the organization's proposed budget and successfully resisted attempts to encroach on the freedom of the media.

"More needs to be done. The UK will continue to make every effort for radical improvements in the organization's programmes and management.

● WASHINGTON: Although the Reagan Administration has said it would be prepared to reconsider its decision to withdraw if Unesco mends its ways. American officials believe it most unlikely the organization could reform itself sufficiently in time to permit this (Nicholas Ashford writes).

● WELLINGTON: The New Zealand Government is studying whether to continue its contributions to Unesco the Foreign Minister, Mr Warren Cooper, confirmed today (AFP reports).

There was growing concern in New Zealand at "the heavy administrative costs".

Spending will rise but contributions fall

From Roger Beardwood, Paris

Few things are simple at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the budget is probably least simple of all.

Although some 60 per cent of Unesco's spending is in French francs, it levies contributions and keeps accounts in US dollars. When drawing up the budget, Unesco therefore assumes a dollar-franc exchange rate for two years ahead – and errs on the cautious side.

So when the Unesco directorate-general proposed the 1984-85 budget, a two-year total of $403.1 (£278m), eight Western nations, headed by the US and including Britain, protested. The assumed exchange rate of 6.45 francs to the dollar was too low, they argued. Some of the eight also insisted on no increase in the budget instead of one of 6.1 per cent.

The eight were able to send the budget back for revision. Last month the general conference passed a new two-year figure: $374.4m. Furthmore, Unesco asked the 152 members to pay only $344.7m.

In fact, the cut was not what it seemed: Unesco was digging into past over-payments resulting from unrealistic dollar-franc exchange rates. So, almost miraculously, spending for 1984-85 will rise by about $10m, or 4.5 per cent, while contributions will fall by about 10 per cent

But the percentage that members pay is unchanged. Britain's assesssment is 4.61 per cent of the total, based on a formula that includes population and national income. But the $15.85m it is due to pay will turn out to be far less – thanks again to the currency fluctuations fund, the 1984 contribution of $7.94m will be reduced to $4.86m.

West Germany's share of the total is 8.44 per cent and France's is 6.43 per cent. Japan, because of its larger population and wealth, pays 10.9 per cent. The Soviet Union, with far more people than Japan contributes 10.41 per cent, owing to its lower per capita income.

Italy will contribute 3.69 per cent, Canada 3.04 per cent, Spain 1.91 per cent, East Germany 1.37 per cent, Brazil 1.37 and Sweden 1.30 per cent. The remaining 141 countries' contributions totals 22.24 per cent.

Britain gives up 95-year responsibility for tiny Brunei at midnight tonight

From David Watts, Singapore

Britain gives up the last of its direct responsibilities in South-East Asia at midnight today, when the tiny state of Brunei attains full independence.

Reading a short declaration of independence on the *padang* in the centre of his capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, the Sultan, Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah, will then bring to an end 95 years of British protection for the enclave on the north coast of Borneo.

Sole responsibility for some 200,000 souls will once again pass to the Sultan's family which has held power there for the last 400 years.

With the Sultan will be other members of the royal family and the government, who will also attend prayers earlier on at the Omar Ali Saifuddin mosque. It was named after the present Sultan's father, who has been the power behind Brunei's dogged maintenance of the British connexion for so long.

Early next year, Brunei will take its place as the sixth member of the Association of South-East Asian Nations. It will be not only the richest *per capita* in the group but also arguably the most heavily armed. It is also expected to apply to join the United Nations.

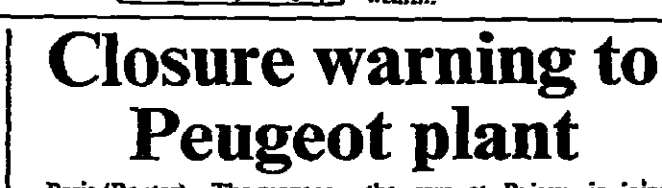
But while tonight's celebrations will mark the end of British responsibility for Brunei's defence and foreign affairs, the British connexion will remain close for the foreseeable future.

A large amount of Brunei's foreign financial investments will still be in the hands of the Crown Agents, a British Gurkha battalion will be stationed at the oil fields and some 150 Britons will remain with the Royal Brunei Malay Regiment to help bring into service British Rapier anti-aircraft missiles.

But the historic handing over of power to the young Sultan will pass with hardly a ripple in the little sultanate. The streets are decked with flags and banners proclaiming *merdeka* (Independence), but in reality there will be no change in the lives of Bruneians. They are already well used to the luxuries of the twentieth century and well protected from the harsh world beyond the South China Sea by seemingly endless oil wealth.



Sir Muda: Responsibility for 200,000 people



Microchip smuggling ring broken

From Our Own Correspondent Singapore

Advanced microchips smuggled through Singapore are being channelled to East block countries.

The Singapore and Malaysian authorities appear to have broken a sophisticated smuggling ring with the arrest of three people in Singapore but investigations are continuing and further arrests are expected.

The Singapore Government is reluctant to say very much and so far the police have not named those arrested or revealed the capacity of the stolen chips. But it is clear that investigations have been under way for some time since the chips began disappearing from the Panang Malaysia plant of the American firm Mosteck.

Chips started to go missing some months ago. A few would be stolen during shipment from the factory in north-west Malaysia to be sold under the counter in some of the dozens of outlets for computer equipment in Singapore.

Mosteck tightened its security and the problem disappeared, but the smugglers began staging fake accidents and hijackings during which the chips would be misappropriated and passed, through the Singapore computer stores, into the hands of visiting Indians posing as tourists. They would buy the chips for onward transmission.

The chips were then apparently channelled through India to countries of the East block in Europe or the Soviet Union, though the police so far have not named the countries involved.

The three arrests were made during raids by Singapore police on Christmas Day

The arrests were prompted by a particularly spectacular mishap in Malaysia when a lorry carrying chips worth 1m ringgit (about £300,000) lost its cargo.

Closure warning to Peugeot plant

Paris (Reuter) – The management of the Peugeot Car Division told union representatives at its strike-bound Talbot car plant at Poissy yesterday that the factory would be closed indefinitely from Monday, and that salaries would not be paid.

They said in a statement that workers illegally occupying the plant had prevented essential maintenance work from being carried out to enable production to start on January 2.

About 100 striking workers occupying the plant refused for the second day running yesterday to allow in the maintenance teams. The rebel trade unionists are deying a court order to leave.

The statement said the plant would reopen only when conditions had returned to normal.

The plant has been paralysed by a strike for the past three weeks, and today's move has cast doubts over Talbot's future. Peugeot, which purchased Talbot from Chrysler in 1978, earlier this week announced moves to distance itself legally from Talbot.

Talbot S.N.C., which builds the cars at Poissy, is jointly owned by Peugeot and Talbot S.A. A statement said Peugeot's shares would be transferred to a dormant company called Sora S.A.

The dispute has embarrassed France's government. It began when Peugeot announced ti wanted to axe 2,900 workers from the Poissy plant. The Prime Minister, M Pierre Mauroy, persuaded the management to reduce the figure to 1,900.

M Jean-Pierre Noual, shop steward with the pro-Socialist CFDT union, said yesterday: "The fight goes on. We are going to orgainze a big campaign to explain all this. We want the redundancy notices withdrawn and negotiations started."

The Communist-led CGT has accepted the principle of the 1,905 lay-offs, but maintains there must be negotiations over how they take place. The CFDT leadership has refused to accept the redundancy scheme and its chief, M Edmond Maire, has attacked the Government's handling of the Talbot affair.

New foreign minister in North Korea

Tokyo (Reuter) – Mr Ho Dam, North Korea's Foreign Minister, who held the post for 13 years, was replaced yesterday by Mr Kim Yong Nam, the North Korean Central News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored here, said Mr Ho had been removed from the Foreign Ministry portfolio and his deputy premiership and transferred

Mr Kim is a politburo member, a secretary of the Central Committee of the ruling Workers (Communist) Party and head of the party's international affairs department.

Unita conduct praised by freed captives

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Twenty-six foreigners released by the Angolan guerrilla group Unita spent their first day of freedom yesterday and said they were well-treated during months as hostages.

Most of the group, born of Portuguese parents in Angola, a former Portuguese colony, were preparing to leave for Lisbon last night and a new life in Portugal.

"I feel sad about leaving Angola – I had everything there," said Senhor Antonio Silva, aged 31, "but I'm young and can restart life in Portugal."

Senhor Silva, his wife and two children and 17 other Portuguese were among the 26 who flew in from Angola on Thursday on a Red Cross flight. The group, which also included two Spaniards, a Uruguyan and a Brazilian, was set free in a Christmas amnesty by Unita and its leader Dr Jonas Savimbi, who is fighting the Marxist government in Luanada.

The Angolan-born Senhor Silva, captured nine months ago in Alto Catumbelo province south of the capital, spoke with neither bitterness nor emotion of his 78-day trek with his Unita captors in which they covered 950 miles.

The rescue: Two children climbing out of their stalled cable car into a rescue box after being trapped for several hours.

120 spend night on high wire

Bellinzona, Switzerland (AP) – About 120 passengers descending from the 6,471 ft Mt Tamaro were trapped in 30 blocked cable cars for up to 12 hours before the last were freed early yesterday in a spectacular rescue operation. Police said no one was injured.

Rescuers from the Swiss Alpine Club, lowered from helicopters on ropes or hoisting themselves from cable car to cable car after climbing up via supporting pylons, freed most by lowering the passengers to the ground in nets, one by one. Others were picked up directly by helicopters. Fire ladders were used in evacuating those trapped in cars closer to the ground.

The relief: A child rescued from one of the 30 stalled cable cars reunited with his father.

Attack on Angola deplored by UK

Britain yesterday condemned South African incursions into Angola and the bombing of the headquarters there of the Namibian nationalist movement, Swapo.

The Foreign Office issued a statement deploring the action, saying: "We have repeatedly condemned violence in Southern Africa, from whichever quarter it comes, and we supported the recent Security Council resolution calling for the withdrawal of South African forces from Angolan territory.

"We therefore cannot but deplore this latest South African action, and regret the loss of life which has resulted.

"We believe that the withdrawal of South African troops, and indeed of all foreign troops, from Angola, would improve the propects for a peaceful independence settlement in Namibia."

Mr Robert Hughes, Labour MP for Aberdeen North and Chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, called on the Government to consider withdrawing the British Ambassador from Pretoria as a protest at South Africa's military action.

He has also sent a telegram on behalf of the movement to Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, urging him to summon the South African Ambassador in London to the Foreign Office for an official protest.

● **BONN:** West Germany yesterday expressed "deep concern" over South Africa's action and repeated a call for the immediate withdrawal of South African forces (Reuter reports).

"The Government notes with deep concern that Pretoria in recent days has not only continued its military actions but intensified them", a Foregn Ministry statement said.

● **LISBON:** Angola claimed yesterday that South Africa had increased the strength of its forces involved in the offensive into Southern Angola (AP reports).

The official news agency Angop said in a broadcast monitored here that three South African motorized brigades, 100 aircraft and artillery units using 140mm and 155mm guns were engaged in fierce battle in three Southern Angolan provinces.

The report said the incursion was aimed at weakening the combat strength of Angolan defence forces and that only South African and Angolan troops were involved in the fighting.

● **PRETORIA:** South Africa said nine of its soldiers had died in the three-week action and one is missing for the loss of at least 52 Swapo fighters (Reuters reports).

Germans usher in new year with cable TV network

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Tomorrow morning at 10.30, to the introduction of Handel's Firework Music, West Germany's first private television station begins broadcasting. About 1,000 homes in Ludwigshafen, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's home town, will be able to tune in to the first experimental cable television network in this country.

After bitter and still unresolved argument, much of it along party political lines, Bonn has given the go-ahead for a pilot project which ends the monopoly of the two publicly controlled networks. Although the response so far in this industrial town on the Rhine has been distinctly cool – falling well below the expected 30,000 viewers thought necessary to test the concept – state governments, advertisers, television executives and newspapers will be watching the programmes keenly and evaluating the response.

Five years ago the prime ministers of the federal states agreed to test cable television in four cities, and the post office began laying cables in Ludwigshafen and in Munich, Dortmund and West Berlin where broadcasts will also begin later.

Commercial televison as such does not exist in this country, and has long been a touchy topic. The two public networks, ARD and ZDF, buiding on the basis and traditon of the first television broadcasting set up with the help of the British in Hamburg in 1952, are carefully balanced in the political alliegances of their editors and senior executives.

Social Democrats, fearing the influence of powerful Conservative media magnates, have long opposed any change in the present set-up. They have given warnings that commercial broadcasting would develop in the way it has in America. The Christion Democrats, however, want greater competition in the airwaves and have championed cable television. Significantly it is in Rhineland-Palatinate, a CDU-ruled land that the first experiment is to begin.

Chancellor Kohl will not be among those able to tune in tomorrow as only part of Ludwigshafen is hooked up. There will be no special ceremony for the start of the experiment, which is under the aegis of the specially created City Cable Communication Authority.

The copper cables have a 24-channel capacity, but although hundreds of interest groups applied to make programmes, the pilot project will be confined to one channel and most programmes will be supplied by a Frankfurt cable and satellite company.

Tomorrow's broadcasts will include a documentary, *Hansel and Gretel*, a puppet film with the singer Englebert Humperdink, and 10-minute news broadcasts produced by the editorial team of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.*

The newspaper has contracted to supply news from its correspondents for four daily broadcasts. The company will also provide during its evening broadcasts two feature films, a cartoon and music each day.

During the rest of the day the cable will carry music compiled specially by ZDF, educational programmes from the south-west regional ARD channel, broadcasts by local religious groups and schools and even what the City Cable Authority has called an "open channel" allowing ordinary citizens access to the air – though viewer interest is likely to be limited.

Ludwigshafen has also made arrangements to receive broadcasts from British-based English-language satellite television, Sky Channel, owned by the Murdoch group, to begin broadcasting.

The Frankfurt company will spend over 100m marks (£25m) on programmes in the coming year, though it expects only a very meagre return at first. Advertising will bring in virtually nothing from Ludwigshafen.

Berlin rail transfer deal signed

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn

The agreement transferring ownership and control of the West Berlin section of the city's S-Bahn (elevated urban railway) from the East German Reichsbahn was signed in East Berlin yesterday by the East German Minister of Transport and a member of the west Berlin *Senat.*

The agreement, endorsed by the Western allies because it does not impinge on wider questions of the status of Berlin transfers 90 miles of track to the control of the West Berlin Transport Authority on January 9. Immediate cuts will be made in the loss-making service, at present operating over only 47 miles of track.

Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, the Chief Burgomaster of West Berlin, welcomed the agreement as an important event for Berlin and for East-West relations.

Pershings 'ready for action'

Bonn (AP) – The first battery of Pershing 2 nuclear missiles in Western Europe is "ready for action", the West German Defence Ministry confirmed yesteday.

Police detained a small group of anti-missile protesters who attempted to block the gate at the US Army's Mutlangen base, near Stuttgart, where the nine medium range rockets are stationed.

Nato began deploying 572 Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe after the Soviet Union suspended arms talks with the United States last month in Geneva.

The Atlantic alliance believes the missiles are needed to counter the Soviet build-up of medium range SS20 rockets in recent years. The faster, more accurate Pershing 2s are replacing the Pershing 1As in West Germany.

Acid leak sends poison cloud over Nuremberg

Nuremberg (AP) – Sixteen people, including six policemen, were taken to hospital yesterday after nitric acid leaking from a tanker lorry created a poison cloud on the east side of Nuremberg.

Between 30 and 40 people were temporarily evacuated from their homes and others in the affected area were told to shut all doors and windows. Firemen declared the danger to be over after three hours.

Among those taken to hospital were seven workers at the Staub chemical company, where the accident took place.

Nitric acid had leaked from one of the firm's tankers and combined with the air to form the cloud. Workers were trying to pump the liquid acid from one tanker to another when one of the tankers sprang the leak.

Firemen dispersed the cloud by shooting water into the air.

The South African spy scandal

West fears leaks from secret Nato-link base

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The discovery that Commodore Dieter Gerhardt, former commander of the naval dockyard had been spying for the Soviet Union for the past 20 years was a deeply embarrassing, but also oddly reassuring, experience for the South African Government. This week he was convicted of treason by the Cape Supreme Court.

It was obviously worrying that Gerhardt ahd his Swiss-born wife, Ruth, who assisted him in his spying from the early 1970s onwards should for so long have eluded the vaunted detective powers of South Africa's feared intellligence manchine.

On the other hand, the case furnished welcome evidence to support Pretoria's belief (widely regarded abroad as exaggerated) that South Africa is a prime target of Soviet subversion because of its geographic minerals vital to the economies of the West.

But how much damage did Gerhardt do? The question is difficult to answer, because the trial, which began on september 5, was held in *Camera* throughout and details of the state's evidence have accordingly, not been made public.

The judge's edited version of his finding revealed only that Gerhardt, who is 48, had been employed by the Soviet Union since 1964, that he made five visits to Moscow between 1964 and his arrest in January this year (accompanied on two occassions by his wife) and that he transmitted military secrets to the Soviet Union.

Gerhardt, who joined the South African Navy 30 years ago, was one of four commodores at Simonstown. He had been commander of the dockyard for three years. Before that he was on the technical staff at the South African Defence Force's headquarters in Pretoria.

Simonstown, which was used by Britain until the mid-1970s, is the most developed naval dockyard on the African coastline outside the Mediterranean. It is strategically located and has extensive repair, maintenance and construction facilities.

Gerhardt would have had an intimate knowledge of the activities of South Africa's small navy, including its three French-built Daphne-class submarines. It seems unlikely, however, that information about the movements of the South African flotilla, which is largely confined to a coastal patrol role, could have held much interest for the Russians.

Far more serious, from the point of view of Western security, was the access Gerhardt may or may not have had to Silvermine, the sectet maritime tracking station concealed under tons of reinforced concrete in a hillside between Cape Town and Simonstown.

South Africa's attempts to be openly accepted into the Western military block, notably through the creation of a South Atlantic Treaty Organization (Sato) to match Nato, have repeatedly been rebuffed because of the country's race policies. But it has long had an unofficial, back-door association with Nato.

Much of the electronic equipment used at Silvermine, which was built about 10 years ago at a time of increasing Western concern about Soviet naval expansion, was furnished by Nato countries. There is a steady flow of intelligence between Pretoria and Western capitals

It has been suggested that, though Silvermine, which carries out detailed, round-the-clock monitoring of all shipping movements in the South Atlantic and Indian oceans, Gerhardt could have passed the Russians information on the disposition of the British fleet during the Falklands conflict.

Others say, however, that the Russians would have had perfectly satisfactory independent means of finding this out.

Another period in Gerhardt's career that has aroused interest is the time he spent in Britain between 1956 and 1965 on four courses with the Royal Navy: a basic engineering course, a marine engineering specialists' course, an ordnance engineering course and a radio and weapons applications course.

He also served on a Type 12 frigate, HMS Tenby, between September 1958 and April 1959 and would have been familiar with several British frigates which were sold to South Africa in the 1960s.

He was also briefly South Africa's naval attaché in London in 1968. He would undoubtedly have had knowledge of British ships and their armaments and equipment and had access to classified information.

Gerhardt's private life was clouded by tragedy. His first marriage ended in divorce and his son and one daughter moved to England. His other daughter died under the wheels of a train after writing poetry about suicide.

Rajiv proves a success but Gandhi party fails to heal divisions

From Michael Hamlyn, Calcutta

Half a million Bengalis turned out yesterday to watch Mrs Indira Gandhi at the climax to her party's conference here. The brigade parade ground on the Calcutta maidan was a sea of blue-black hair to the point sight was lost in the crowd's own dust.

Mrs Gandhi in a white sari and shawl rode in triumph in an open Jeep to a towering dais draped in saffron while cheerleaders chanted: "Indira Gandhi Zindabad; Rajiv Gandhi Zindabad."

Two Cabinet ministers from West Bengal, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, the Finance Minister, and Mr G. K. Chowdhury, the Railways Minister, spoke but the crowd was anxious to hear Mr Rajiv Gandhi and his mother. He spoke for 10 minutes, she for the best part of an hour.

Both of them laid into the leftist Government of West Bengal. Mrs Gandhi made her now familiar plea to save the unity and intergrity of the country, and added that the party plenary session just ending showed how close the Congress workers were to the aspirations and ideals of the people of India.

At the end of the day she flew back to Delhi to consider the lessons of the conference and its implications for the future of her Government.

She expressed herself satisfield with the Calcutta session. "It was a good session," she said. But remembering when she had stalked up and down the dais in a fury, trying to snatch a photographer's camera, and to force the rest of the audience to sit down, she added: "the enthusiasm of the young people made me lose my voice."

As she flew back in her Indian Air Force plane, she could have calculated the successes and failures of the conference somewhat as follows.

On the credit side she was able to present her son as a credible, responsible politician, who could handle himself as well in front of a major conference audience or a crowd half a million strong as in the committee rooms and corridors of her administration.

There were constant unofficial reports during the conference that she was about to have him named as president of the party – a job she was given by her father when she first began to make her mark in Congress. No official annoncement was made, however. When a reporter for *India Today*, a lively news magazine, asked how she would rate his performance, she snapped that she was not going to answer that type of question from his type of magazine. "Freedom of the press does not extend to antinationalism," she added, "and your magazine has been very anti-national at times."

The main achievement of the conference, however, has been to put forward Congress party programmes in a coherent and cogent way to a mass audience. She has made it plain that her party stands for socialism and secularism, regaining some of the ground she lost earlier in the year when she was depicted as a champion of the Hindus against the minorities, and seizing the high lands on the left of her opposition.

She has managed to categorize her opponents either as rightists – meaning the Bharatiya Janata Party plus the Lokdal – or as unprincipled opoortunists – the Janata-led United Frong – or as threatening the unity of the country like the National Conference government of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Communists have simply been labelled incompetent, a charge that probably hurts more than an idelogical attack, since they have prided themselves on giving a reasonably efficient administration to West Bengal.

On two areas she has not managed to make much impression. Very little progress has been made against the regional parties of the south.

Sidelong blows were struck against the Telegu Desam government in Andhra Pradesh which was accused of separatist tendencies, but no effort appeared to have been made in Tamil Nadu. Money was given for flood relief there, and generous things were said about the plight of the Tamils in Sri Lanka, but it is by no means yet clear who will be supporting whom in that state when the elections come.



Mr Wick: The practice denied, then admitted

Friend of Reagan in taping row

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

Mr Charles Wick, the accident-prone director of the United States Information Agency (USIA), has become embroiled in a new controversy – this time over his practice of secretly tape-recording his telephone calls.

According to a report in *The New York Times*, Mr Wick, apparently ignoring the lessons of the Nixon era, has been tape-recording his office telephone conversations with Government officials, his staff and friends for the past year without informing them they were being recorded.

Worse, when confronted by two *New York Times* journalists with evidence of his surreptitious activities, he initially denied their allegations.

Both the Senate foreign relations and House foreign affairs committees have announced they will conduct investigations into Mr Wick's taping.

Among those whose conversations were taped were Mr Walter Annenberg, former US Ambassador to London; Senator Mark Hatfield (Rep, Oregon); Mr Kenneth Adelman, Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Mr Kirk Douglas, the actor; and Mr Caspar Weinberger Jnr, the son of the Defence Secretary, who worked for the USIA last year.

It is not a crime under federal law or District of Colombia law for one party to tape-record a telephone conversation without telling the other

The episode has embarrassed the White House because Mr Wick is a long-time show- business friend of President Reagan and spent Christmas Day with him. A White House spokesman said that although it did not approve of the surreptitius taping of telephone calls, the President did not want Mr Wick to resign.

Tough ally of Australian Liberals quits politics

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne

One of the most forceful personalities in Australian politics for the last two decades, Mr Douglas Anthony is to resign both from Parliament and the leadership of the right-wing National Party.

Mr Anthony is 54 today and has been an MP for 26 years. The National Party, formerly the Country Party, is the traditional coalition party with the Liberals now in opposition to Mr Bob Hawke's Labour Government.

Mr Anthony has long been identified as the most effective anti-socialist parliamentarian in the House and has been noticeably quiet since Labour assumed office last March. He is a wealthy pastoralist from northern New South Wales and his father was a prominent conservative politician.

He is the epitomy of the sunburnt, staunchly conservative Australian man of the land. He has served as Deputy Prime Minister to Mr Harold Holt, Mr John Gorton and Mr Malcolm Fraser. His annual ritual was to stand in for successive prime ministers during the summer and run the country'saffairs from his seaside holiday caravan.



Mr Anthony: Epitome of the sunburnt Australian

Autonomy deal put to Tamils

From Donovan Moldrich Colombo

President Jayewardene has circulated a 14-point proposal to solve the problems of the Tamil minority community among leaders of eight main political parties. They include the Tamil United Liberation Front, which will hold a series of discussions on the plan in Columbo from January 10 to January 20.

The basic feature of the plan involves the abandonment of the Tamil demand for a separate state, but provision is made for regional autonomy by the merger of district development councils in a province if such a merger is the wish of the councils.

In provinces which opt for a merger the leader of the largest political party will be designated chief minister

Figueiredo rejects direct election of successor

From Our Correspondent. São Paulo

President Joro Figueiredo of Brazil has rejected proposals that his successor to take over in March 1985 should be chosen by direct popular vote.

In an end-of-year message to the nation he said that the system of indirect elections for the presidency through an electoral college, enshrined in the 1964 constitution after a military takeover, was perfectly legitimate.

The President's statement came as the main opposition party, the Brazilian Democratic Movement (PMDB), launched a national crusade for a return to direct voting for the presidency, last exercised in 1960.

Opposition politicians are hoping that events in Argentina will give impetus to Brazil's faltering progress towards full democracy.

The fact that Señor Raul Alfonsin was directly elected by popular vote to the Argentine presidency is causing pressure in Brazil to build up for the same to happen here.

Señor Alfonsin, who attended the March inauguration of the PMDB Governor of São Paulo State, Senhor Franco Montoro, has been visited by virtually the entire PMDB leadership in recent weeks.

The new Argentine President's recipe for curbing his country's 400 per cent inflation – twice Brazil's – by freezing prices. And, after raising them, freezing wages, is being watched with great interest, even though most economists feel it would not work here.

Senhor Figueiredo announced in his end-of-year message that Brazil would honour its debts, the highest in the developing world.

Some opposition leaders are hoping that Brazil's severe economic difficulties will lead to popular rejection of armed forces rule, as happened in Argentina.

Chile police hose women from streets

Santiago (Reuter) – Police used water cannon to disperse groups of chanting women protesting on the streets of Santiago against Chile's military Government.

The demonstrators had gathered on Thursday night after a rally by thousands of women at a theatre in the capital. They briefly held up traffic outside the theatre, singing and chanting anti-Government slogans, before the police dispersed them. No arrests or injuries were reported.

The rally, supported by almost every opposition women's group, featured singing, poetry, slide shows and calls for an immediate return to democracy. The theatre's capacity of more than 5,000 was filled to overflowing with women of all ages and from all social classes.

● **Electricity blackout:** Four bomb attacks on power lines and electricity pylons blacked out parts of Santiago and central Chile on Thursday night for the second time in two weeks, police said yesterday.

Seven of the country's 13 regions, where more than half Chile's 11 million people live, were affected. In the last week there have also been two shooting attacks on policemen and a bomb was planted on the main railway line to the south.

A group calling itself the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front sent journalists a statement claiming responsibility for earlier bomb attacks

● **Union Court ruling:** Chile's Supreme Court has ruled that union officials dismissed by the state-owned copper corporation Codelco can still stand for reelection. The decision is widely seen as a boost for the present anti-Government leadership of the Confederation of Copper Workers.

THE ARTS

Theatre

Partners in fun

The Wizard of Oz
Churchill, Bromley

The two pantomime witches and their rhyming couplets rather took me by surprise, but without a dame, a song placard or other compliments to the panto season, *The Wizard of Oz* happily remains a real musical. Though it is best to put the film version temporarily from your mind, scarecrows, tin men and witches take well to the stage – and Harold Arlen's songs like "Over the Rainbow" deserve the theatre, especially when sung with Celena Duncan's unaffected charm.

Miss Duncan, having first appeared as the same character in *The Wiz* – and how many actresses have achieved that double – would be perfect for a West End pocket musical next time a good one turns up. Her voice has an easy sweetness and her sense of fun finds happy partners in Paul Leonard's long-suffering Scarecrow and Michael Waterman's Tin Man, irresistibly cheerful even under the threat of rust.

Charlie Drake's Cowardly Lion is in a class, indeed a world, of its own. In a way he is miscast: despite constant squeaks of terror or paroxysms of shock caused by a jumping bunny-rabbit, the dour and truculent little Charlie we know is there underneath and at least one bogey got repelled with a rasping "Get aht of it!" He tended to pick at and toy with his comic opportunities instead of getting a move on, but at the sight of his dreadlocked mane and woolly orange suit like an armchair turned inside out, it is hard to keep a straight face.

In David Kelsey's production, the rival witches are more entertaining than the Wizard himself (rather a sell, with flashing lights behind a mask eventually disclosing an eccentric in Uncle Sam costume). Sipping tea from dainty china, Cynthia Morey exudes inflappable benignity while Fenella Fielding, as the sort of stylish sorceress who would poison a pink gin, suffers extravagant nervous fits relievable only by uttering horrid words like skunk and gunge.

For my own sins, I must apologize to Manchester Royal Exchange for misattributing, in Tuesday's piece, Caspar Wrede's excellent production of *The Wild Duck* to Michael Elliott.

Anthony Masters

Alastair Muir

Dreadlocked mane meets unaffected charm: Charlie Drake and Celena Duncan as the Lion and Dorothy.



Bringing the house down

Dick Whittington
Richmond

Whatever the difficulties inflicted on it elsewhere, pantomime has a safe home in Richmond, and this show needs no recommendation to the theatre's past customers. The obvious strength of the Triumph Apollo operation is to recruit a company of Palladium-sized names and let them loose in a community house. But the formula could easily backfire without the writer-director collaboration of John Morley and Roger Redfarn – two pantomime specialists who know how to bend the rules without breaking them, and evoke a genuine sense of good fellowship from the old routines.

These all crop up in the show, as do some of the gags that have been going the rounds on other stages. But when Mr Morley brings in the haunted bedroom he springs some real shocks; when he holds a cookery lesson, the batter goes into unexpected places; and when he includes a black theatre ballet it is to show the rats stowing away on the Saucy Sal and to allow the Good Fairy a perky little number on the sea-bed. The story is well told, while also being thoroughly scrambled into the glorious mishmash of stand-up comedy, extravaganza, topicicalities and audience contact in which panto so often comes to grief.

The unchallenged master of ceremonies is Roy Hudd's Idle Jack, flashing his teeth over an inexhaustible succession of bumpkin smocks. He is as good value when he sinks into character under the Rat Queen's spell, as when he is dominating the house with basketfuls of free food.

The production is never afraid of playing straight. June Whitfield's Good Fairy is exactly that, however much her eyes may glaze over at some of Mr Morley's couplets. Her villainous opposite number is played in fine tackling form by Honor Blackman

It is also good to see Geraldine Gardner, having scuppered Dick Whittington in *Poppy*, now reviving him with more charm and quick thinking than I have seen from any other principal boy. Faced with yesterday's audience of bashful children, Miss Gardner settled for a middle-aged husband and played a straight-faced juvenile routine that brought the house down. Other pleasures include veteran Richard Murdoch's *Much Binding at London Bridge*, and John Hanson playing full-throated court to a throne room full of *Desert Song* houris for ridding his palace of rats.

Irving Wardle

Dance

Coppelia
Sadler's Wells

Back at its home theatre after a long tour of Canada and a brief visit to its more familiar British regional stomping grounds, Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet opened its short season on Thursday with *Coppelia*, which continues until tonight. The casts for this ballet are drawn this time mainly from the younger principals and soloists, although the veteran John Auld has returned for a couple of performances as Dr Coppelius, clowning with his familiar droll benevolence.

Sherilyn Kennedy and Roland Price, who headed the first cast, are both lively dancers who bring pace and liveliness to their solo cancing. Kennedy as Swanilda moves with crisp, neat style, and Price's Franz benefits from the way he continues to add, season by season, to the athletic vigour of his strong, sure technique.

Where they succeed less well is in working together. Their only big duet, in the last act, looked heavy going; partly because Price's skill and strength as a partner does not match his solo technique, and partly for lack of any sense of rapport between them, which also made their acting elsewhere in the ballet seem more conscientious than inspired.

Having recently seem again, as already reported on this page, in Pierre Lacotte's production in Paris of the traditional French *Coppelia*, I was more than usually conscious that British productions in general, and this one in particular, concentrate on vivacity and display at the expense of the charm and tenderness that are equally implicit in the story and in Delibes's score. However, what Peter Wright's staging tries to do, it mostly achieves reasonably well.

One number that still needs rethinking is the "Combat" dance for three men, which has never really come off however strongly cast. On the other hand, Price's supercharged solo in Act I went particularly well this time, and special pleasure was to be had from the sparkling performances of Swanilda's friends in that same scene - all eight of them. If I had to single out any for spcial mention, it would be Leanne Benjamin and Sandra Madgwick, two young dancers with notably bright futures.

John Percival

Concert

Hilliard Ensemble
Wigmore Hall

There may have been punch in the interval on Thursday but "Songbooks", a new year's entertainment by the six-part male-voice Hilliard Ensemble, was by no means all cakes and ale.

The strange grey hinterland of winter hung round one of the most compelling items in the evening, Peter Warlock's "The Shrouding of the Duchess of Malfi". One of three settings of Webster, the skull of words peered out from under the music's skin as odd solo lines and stranded harmonies dislocated its unquiet progress. This was just one of many occasions when one longed for the printed words the better to relish the singers' artistry.

Before Warlock came Janáček and two rather mediocre motets; and after him came Grainger, three songs for Kipling and one for Christmas. Despite the group's everlasting Oxbridge bloom of lightly worn musicianship, they rarely allow themselves the luxury of the predictable. So, in "The Running of Shindad", for instance, Grainger's "Caruso-like clinging Roman tone" was not, thank goodness, taken literally, and the nice equivocation within "The Queen's peace over all, dear ones", could be played with without being sent up.

Grainger's skittish "There was a pig went out to dig" contained more than one line which those who once listened with Mother never heard: its buoyancy and sprightly articulation were balanced in the first half by anonymous ballads from the twelfth to sixteenth centuries such as "Good-day my Lord Sir Chrystemas" and the heady, sprung rhythms of a Spanish drinking song by Juan del Encina.

In such company, Roland de Lassus with his 10-minute nativity narrative and even Schubert with Mignon's "Sehnsucht" and still more drinking songs, seemed a little long-winded. But the Ensemble propelled them on their way with characteristic energy and indiomatic artistry.

Hilary Finch

Television

Penelope again

There is a danger to players supporting Penelope Keith that they will be reduced to props, such is her stature and exuberance. She is the epitome of the bourgeoisie, her accent bouncing remorsely off the walls. One hears its equivalent in Hampstead bookshops putting assistants in their place and browsers' thoughts to flight.

The wealthy, exploitative Mrs Lancaster in N. C. Hunter's **Waters of the Moon (BBC 1)** provides a role that gives her maximum power for lift-off. She enters the small, snowbound West Country hotel with its sad group of shabby, genteel permanent guests out of a snowstorm to raise the occasional breezes of their discontent to gale force.

In her reflection, all are reduced. Even the excellent Ronald Pickup, playing here, with a touch of the Anton Walbrooks, the mournful Austrian emigre, is unable to offset the glare.

I don't know that this play has travelled all that well, that gentility, shabby or otherwise, is now as willingly docile as in the 1950s. I have a feeling that the general installation of central heating is partly responsible. However, being long-suffering, for whatever cause, is still considered a primary English virtue and observing our class inadequacies a national hobby.

The progress and outcome of the play can be guessed in the first five minutes; after that it is just a long, introspective sigh, which is, no doubt, why it is so popular.

Cedric Messina produced this piece of some of our yesterdays and Piers Haggard directed. Virginia McKenna, having survived Edgar Wallace earlier in the week, determinedly played the generally disapproving Mrs Whyte, Joan Sims the egregious Mrs Ashworth, and Geoffrey Palmer the provider of Mrs Lancaster's ostentious lifestyle.

As the under-privileged daughter of the proprietress, Leslie Dunlop, I thought, managed to make herself noticed above the parapet but it was Penelope's play, her fourth successive Christmas appearance, always as Penelope, of course.

Dennis Hackett

Radio

Danger for 4

This is the day for retrospects, a tradition I propose to ignore, however, because I think this year a prospect may be more appropriate – even if initially it goes no further than next Tuesday, when the evening changes to Radio 4 announced in October by its controller, David Hatch, come into operation.

These changes were previewed by David Hewson in *The Times* of October 19: briefly they consist of the deferment of **Kaleidoscope** until 9.45 pm (to allow it to cover first nights), the advancing of **A Book at Bedtime** to 10.15 pm (so that book and national average bedtime more nearly coincide) and the combining of **The World Tonight** and **The Financial World Tonight** into a single hour-long sequence at 10.30 – except on Fridays when it will last only 45 minutes to allow **Week Ending** a full half hour.

All this at first glance sounds moderate and well-intentioned. At the same time, in my manifestation as typical Radio 4 listener (ie, deeply neurotic about change), I cannot help but notice that two of its most obvious effects are to remove that useful 30-minute niche between 10.30 and 11 and to enlarge by 15 minutes the already sufficiently extensive empire of news. I doubt if I shall be alone in questioning the sense of this: if there is one thing the network's callers and correspondents have made clear, it is that more news is the last thing they feel a need of.

Of course next week's changes are only a beginning and if what is to happen there looks as broad as long, plans for later in the year may not balance gains and losses quite so well. Here I am not referring to Mr Hatch's intention to rest certain old stagers (**Down Your Way, Desert Island Dics, Gardeners' Question Time**) for a compulsory six weeks a year. That sounds to me like a net gain for listeners: not only should these programmes return to work refreshed, but their short absence will offer opportunities to try out new material which, in spite of all our prejudices, we might even come to appreciate. Fears that all this is but the thin end of a wedge that will turn into an axe for **Desert Island Discs** and co. seem to me unfounded.

No, the item we shall all need to watch with serious attention is scheduled for some time in April. It is the "Rollercoaster", in other words a seamless sequence occupying the Radio 4 morning between 9 am and midday. This is to be tried out one morning a week for a limited period and we are promised that its future will depend on what we, the listeners, have to say about it.

The aim of this part of the enterprise is to counteract a tendency to switch off in the mornings which we now demonstrate in rather larger numbers than Mr Hatch and his men find tolerable. Obviously it is the job of any network controller to attract as many listeners to every part of his output as he possibly can, but there are several things to be said about this particular suggestion for achieving it.

First, Radio 4 aims for a discriminating listenership and that necessarily involves not only turning on, but turning off as well. Second, the rollercoaster format, which will retain bits of the current output, suggests that there will be as little as possible that anybody might dislike and no noticeable breaks (ie, potential switch-off points) between any of it.

This sounds to me in style disagreeably akin to what Radio 1 and many of the local stations are doing now and I find it promotes the most rapid switching off imaginable. At the same time the seamless sequence is a kind of broadcasting which, in fact, seems to attract and hold a very large number of people, so there is a real chance that it will reverse the switch-off habit. And if it does, what then? Will there not be a temptation to extend it to two mornings, then to three, four, maybe all five? If that were to happen it might be very good for audience figures, but whether it would be good for broadcasting is another matter.

I think we need to take heed: a happy 1984 for Radio 4 devotees may well depend on how keenly we all listen and how persistently and cogently we all speak up.

David Wade

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SPORTING DIARY

Cricket stars

The England cricket touring party lined up to go to Fiji, New Zealand and Pakistan last week looking as if they were really going to Krypton, Pererlandra and the Horse Head's Nebula. Somehow their shiny silver astronaut jackets do not seem quite right for the game WG played. Happily, the Starship Enterprise ultra-lightweight blousons, (that is apparently the correct term) are not the official tour uniform. The lads will wear Burton blazers with a George and Dragon badge for the photograph when they stand with their hands behind their backs. The Silver Surfer outfits are strictly non-compulsory.

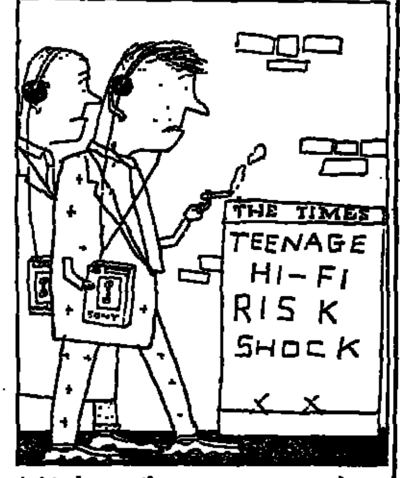
Moral losers

That promising third division footballer, I. T. Botham, has been getting rapped over the knuckles for his behaviour lately. Football referees and men in authority in some other sport keep telling him off. But their problems are as nothing when compared with the disciplinary dramas of the Tunisian football team. Four players, including the captain, Tarek Dhiab, were banned for their behaviour in the Mediterranean Games; a week later, the entire team was suspended. The crimes were "lack of effort" and "lax morals".

Dire choice

David Gower has been getting in the mood for the Fijian stage of the tour by going into Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs* studio. The results will be heard on February 14. He revealed an electric taste – Handel and Elton John, as well as a band who should have composed an anthem for England's last tour: Dire Straits.

BARRY FANTONI



"At least they get you used to wearing a hearing aid"

Game of the name

There is always a touch of the Irish in National Hunt racing, but was Ladbrokes going too far with its race card competition on Boxing Day, the day of the King George VI Chase at Kempton? To win the prize, a portable television, three questions on past winners of the King George had to be answered. The same race card carried on the inside cover exhaustive details of every winner since 1938. Perhaps the only question missing was: after whom is the King George VI Chase named?

● **Is this the ultimate honour for the Yorkshire whizz kid trainer Michael Dickinson? At Kempton on Boxing Day he was buried beneath a locusts swarm of autograph seekers, everyone of them twice his age.**

Money matters

The president of Inter-Milan football club, Ivanoe Fraizzoli, commenting on allegations by the Dutch club, Groningen, that the Dutch coach was offered £55,000 to fix a UEFA Cup match between the two clubs said: "It's a pack of lies. Anyway, how could you hope to buy an entire team with such a small amount?"

Sack record

Some people consider that Peter Carey was prematurely sacked as manager of the Isthmian League side, Barking, 48 hours before what would have been one of the greatest days of his career, an FA Cup tie against third-division club, Plymouth Argyle. But Carey could undoubtedly take it in his stride; he holds the world record for the shortest-ever managerial career. He was boss of Chelmsford City for 20 minutes. It is in the *Guiness Book of Records*. He never went near Chelmsford's ground, either. He was offered the job on the telephone by a new board of directors, and promptly accepted. The directors then discovered they did not have the authority they thought they had. So they called Carey back and gave him the push.

Nightmare

Richard Greenwood, the England rugby coach with a 100 per cent record (1 out of 1) had a pudding-induced nightmare over Christmas, and dreamt that next weekend's England trial game had somehow become confused with American football. The air was filled with incomprehensible codes, everyone fell over, and Greenwood awoke in a cold sweat. Meanwhile the England captain, Peter Wheeler, his thumb in plaster and unable to turn out for his club, Leicester, against the Barbarians last week, was given the job of press steward instead. That's a very serious incentive to get match fit again.

Simon Barnes

Are we helping to fulfil George Orwell's prophecies?

Shadow of the Thought Police

by Neil Kinnock

Nineteen Eighty Four was satire, not prophecy. Orwell was "cautioning against complacency towards dictatorships, small or great, plutocratic or politburocratic. He was exposing, by exaggeration, tendencies and potentials already present and capable of development. He was sounding an alarm - repeated in his essays of the period - about the consequences which the new atom bomb could have for relationships and resources across the world.

If the satire has an edge of prophecy it is because some of Orwell's caps come uncomfortably close to fitting heads today.

Orwell, whatever the tomb-robbers say, was a radical democratic socialist, a fierce libertarian, a patriot for the decency which he sometimes saw practised (and always sought to nourish) in Britain.

The combination of qualities made him willing to deal with the realization that progress was not automatic and that, for the first time in two centuries, it was reasonable to acknowledge that the future could be worse than the past. Mankind had the mentality and the means to make it so. That was the warning in Orwell's pessimistic parody.

When coupled with old-age ruthlessness, the brand-new technologies of communication, persuasion, organization and destruction could, he knew, produce power more absolute than anything previously known. So much was – and is – obvious. The assiduous barbarities of modern dictatorship prove it.

At that level, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is a plain indictment of totalitarianism that can be applauded by any freedom-lover. But at another level Orwell's book becomes different in quality and importance from a shelf-full of other chronicles of repression. It is a parable of the way in which "power as an end, not a means" is installed and sustained in the political state and in any institution where minorities wield authority over majorities.

Fear is certainly the key to such power. But physical coercion is not enough to keep whole generations in check – the most that it can do is gain unstable, sullen submissiveness. To be secure, even absolute power needs the compliance of the multitude. To be enduring in its control over people, imposed power needs convention, horror of non-conformity, dread of being out of step in deed, word and – ultimately – in thought. And it is that which Orwell reports as *1984* in order to encourage resistance to creeping acquiescence.

Being Orwell he naturally put the major obligation for resistance on



Peter Till

his own class – the intelligentsia of the Outer Party – even while invariably regarding them as spineless spongers. And, true to form too, he believed that "if there was hope, it lay in true proles" even though the confidence was purely sentimental.

As they rewrote *The Times* and falsified history, Winston Smith and his companions in the Ministry of Truth were all caricatures of intellectuals who, in their brain and bones, know better, but stick to their positions rather than their convictions. Orwell must have taken mischievous delight in contriving their literary liquidation. Dutifulness could clearly not save them when The System decided they were dispensable – or "redundant" as more modern parlance has it.

The proles, meanwhile, were rarely bothered by Thought Police or telly screens. They had "films, football, beer and, above all, gambling to fill up the horizons of their minds." It was *prolefeed*, the state provided cultural opiate of "rubbishy newspapers" and pornography " produced by . . . a factory process", rather than surveillance and terror that kept them in control. Our kind of state, Orwell knew, is different. It barely tolerates the commercial sale of such things and the *prolefeed* is not limited to one class. He did exaggerate. Satirists do.

These satires of *Nineteen Eighty-Four* are not as widely quoted as those of the mangling of the language. But they are strong and perceptive and exceeded in significance only by Orwell's central satirical target – the rigidly hierarchical society, the oligarchical economy, the permanent warfare of the superpower Oceania.

The sole, self-perpetuating reason for the existence of "Oligarchical Collectivism", the political regime of Oceania, is the maintenence of the status quo. The whole edifice of organized hate, of continual shortage and of social paralysis has at its base the "burning off" of "the surplus value" by military expenditure which, Emmanual Goldstein's testament explains, preserves the existing elites and prevents the abolition of poverty.

In this world of starving nations and deadlocked empires the parody is too plausible for comfort, even though we have thankfully not experienced the historical accelerator of nuclear war that gave the people of Airstrip One the Big Brother age.

In that and most other respects our 1984 is not *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, of course. But when so much is dedicated in the modern world to the build up of weaponry and psyche and when domestic and foreign policies are guided so largely by negative reactions to other blocks and so little by positive efforts to develop economies and elevate societies, the warfare state is still nearer than it should be.

In the age of the SS20 and Pershing, the control of relationships and opinions are better-organized by a variety of smooth and savage means than ever before. And the stockpiles of the states, collective and capitalist, go on mounting up.

Those similarities would not have surprised Orwell. The veteran of *Down and Out* knew the state of magistrates, magnates, "the spike", the means test, the police and the colonial administration at least as well as he knew the state of Stalin and Hitler. The latter attracted his undiluted venom. The former provoked his bitter mistrust. He knew that if it was not upheld by confident, vigilant, active citizens, ostensible democracy could be rotted by the abuse of public authority, or by economic insecurity, or by arrogant order-givers and compliant order-takers.

The question for us now in 1984 is not "have we reached *Nineteen Eighty-Four*?" We plainly have not and we never will, any more than anyone has ever lived in Lilliput or Brobdignag. The question must be "what elements in our current condition give substance to the satire of Orwell?" The answer cannot be comforting.

In the political and economic divisions of the planet, in the still enduring demarcations of social class, in the prejudices and the dictated fads of the *goodthink* and *badthink* of our time, in the structures of press ownership, in a state which is being reduced as a source of care and opportunity while being extended as a means of control, the trends and dispositions that provoked Orwell's warnings still exist. Worse, they are stronger than they should be in a thriving democracy – let alone one that produced George Orwell.

"Don't let it happen" he said. *"It depends on you."* And you, and you.

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Julie Davidson

A guilty first foot in familiar Fenland

They will not be dancing in the streets of Alba tonight. But grimly, desperately like a band of crusaders cursed with a cause they can't deny, they will still be seeking the holy grail of hogmanay. Thousands will come home for it; millions will wait up for it; and most will lift the precious chalice to their lips and taste a bitter brew – predominantly alcoholic but tainted with the gall of failed expectations.

The Scottish New Year isn't what it used to be. The traditions of domestic renewal of warmth of the hearth and fare for the pantry have been scattered with the diaspora of the extended family. First foots go by car now, edgily, feeling the pant of the breathalyser on their necks. In their sheltered houses old ladies sit up until three in the morning waiting to offer sweet sherry and black buns to visitors who never come, and the midnight crowds who gather in the city squares are young and dangerous or old and homeless. The bells have a hollow ring. The grail has the look of base metal. At least so they tell us. As Scots living in Scotland we ought to know, but sniffing the way the wind was blowing we cancelled hogmanay six years ago and ever since have sneaked over the border on December 31 to raid the English for some seasonal optimism.

We don't just go to England. We go to the opposite end and the other extreme. We abandon our bumpy little country with its manic depressive landscape, its peaks and its troughs and its spiky historical topography for the linear province of East Anglia. We take measured strides across the Norfolk steppes, where the drinking and the thinking is as slow and practical as dyke water and where the land is deceptively stable, like a flat calm before a tidal wave. This will be our seventh hogmanay in the Fens, our seventh midnight watch spent below the level of the sea in the company of fair friends and strange fowl.

At dusk the huge, blowy fenland skies shred themselves into flakes of feather and the bewicks and the whoopers and the mute swans sideslip over the cottage and into the Wildfowl Trust's refuge at Welney. At midnight when we open the door to the new year, the woeful honking of geese sounds a reproach. We, too, are refugees from the north, making an allegory of our journey. We have exchanged (to paraphrase the parable) the narrow, difficult path to Scots damnation for the broad and easy road to English salvation.

We have swopped firewater for log fires, pub crawls for country walks and hangovers for hearty breakfasts. We have traded the folk memories of Flodden for the cooperative lore of the Fens and rejected a lost land for a reclaimed one. Sometimes on the flight south we leave the A697 and the car and climb a clay path to Branxton Hill, where, four centuries ago, the English and Scots soldiers cast off their shoes to grip the slope. This turnip field is Flodden Field and the granite cross at its crest says simply: "To the Brave of Both Nations". We salute one as we desert the other.

There are few signposts to allegory on the A1. The monstrous cooling towers of Ferrybridge, perhaps, before the land begins to sort itself into the orderly contours of the south. England, unlike Scotland, conceals itself from its arterial roads and the Fens conceal themselves even more cleverly, their character camouflaged by flatness. The road from Wisbech, in the dark, is a glimmer of light on geometrical water and now and then the sudden solid shape of unnatural river banks.

This year the subtle landscape has a literary topicality: "And what are the Fens, which so imitate in their levelness the natural disposition of water, but a landscape which of all landscapes most approximates to ... Nothing?" In *Waterland* Graham Swift has thus described the view from the rear of the cottage, although if you strain your eyes on a clear day you can just identify the tiny silhouette of Ely cathedral 15 miles away.

At the front windows a sculptured heap of earth contains the Old Bedford River. "This Fenland," says Swift, "this palpable earth raised out of the flood by centuries of toil ... is a magical, a miraculous land".

And so it seemed on New Year's Eve with friendship magically renewed and our own traditions, the ritual of seven Fenland hogmanays miraculously preserved: the haggis-and-pheasant dinner, the tall dark Scotsman at the door at midnight, coal and herring in hand, the children sleeping like sparrows below the rafters, the watchnight sounds of three thousand swans.

But when the clock strikes and the television begins to parade its ghastly tartan travesty of the old festival we feel the jagged texture of guilt among the soft and smooth stuff of our contentment; and we know that when we breast the border on the way home we feel a tug of love for the neglected one; and brace ourselves to face the accusations of those who feel we have betrayed her.

A new avenue for the architects

Mr Michael Manser has made it his mission as president of the Royal Institute of British Architects to attack our planning laws which, he maintains, inhibit and stifle the production of good modern architecture.

I disagree. The architecture of the last 45 years would have been even worse without control. Mr Manser, like most architects, is reluctant to accept that our present planning laws are the democratic expression of widespread public revulsion to what the Modern Movement effortlessly achieved in the 1950s and 1960s.

Architects are now being obliged to respect and to respond to individual sites and, as a result, are beginning to rediscover all those once-commonplace devices which gave visual interest and human scale to buildings, but which were proscribed for decades by the strict, puritan canons of the Modern Movement.

Cut through in the 1880s as a traffic improvement, Shaftesbury Avenue has always been lined with mediocre buildings and the chief interest of the street lies in its sinuous course. The existing buildings in the street do, however, have the virtue of consistency of scale combined with variety in colour and texture. The three new buildings respect this urban character without opening themselves to the charge of being pastiche.

The largest of the new buildings is part of a long-running controversy, the redevelopment of Piccadilly Circus. The site, which once housed the Trocadero Restaurant off Shaftesbury Avenue, has now been largely rebuilt as a complex of shops and restaurants. Many of the existing buildings have been retained while new facades have appeared.

These new facades, identical in style, are the work of those very professional commercial architects, Fitzroy Robinson & Partners. The Shaftesbury Avenue facade is given depth and subtlety by having a structure of painted metal poles and panels which stand proud of the large first-floor windows which light the restaurants behind.



Suresh Karadia

The National Westminster Bank building in Shaftesbury Avenue: traditional bay windows mixed with modern bronzed metal

The skyline is given interest by modelling the flat metal parapet into a type of battlement with flagpoles, and the whole facade does something which seemed quite impossible a few years back: it actually bends to follow the line of the street. The result is a building which is lively and of a clearly modern, vaguely "high tec" character, but which fits into the street.

Over the road is a more distinguished essay in this manner: the block housing a new National Westminster Bank office designed by Powell & Moya, a firm usually associated with university buildings. Again this block is clearly modern. The structure, of hammered concrete, is expressed externally and the intervening spaces are filled with glass and bronzed metal. But again, the facade is given depth and interest by the old and excellent device of the bay window, and the architects clearly appreciated that the building will always be seen at an angle.

Another happy device exploits the acute corner with Denman Street. Here is a feature which has its origins in both the heroic pioneer days of the Modern Movement, and which yet recalls a Victorian corner treatment: a curved glass wall enclosing a circular staircase which rises almost the whole height of the building. This adds that often bogus element of "excitement" with which modern architects always justify their work, but it comes within a design which is sober, rational and – again – in harmony with its neighbours. Sir Philip Powell and his team have designed one of the best modern buildings in London.

Further up Shaftesbury Avenue, however, is an example of what happens when an architect responds to planning controls in a cynical rather than a constructive spirit. Enough has now risen of the new fire station block opposite the Palace Theatre to appreciate the character of the design.

It has a red brick wall with dull windows arranged between projecting string-courses, and its long length is relieved only by half-hearted projecting bays. At the corners, this vaguely Tudory style expresses itself in feeble turrets, supported on cantilevered-out concrete bases which, maddeningly, do not correspond with the line of the concrete linted above.

This design, which makes a minimal concession to the notion of responding to the Victorian character of Shaftesbury Avenue, is the work of Richard Siefert & Partners, a firm celebrated for its ability to take full advantage of the planning laws, and whose production encompasses every style fashionable since the last war. Sometimes Siefert's modern work is good, as with Centre Point, but now that a degree of traditionalism is the order of the day, he has produced a grudging and cynical essay in a sort of "post-Modernism".

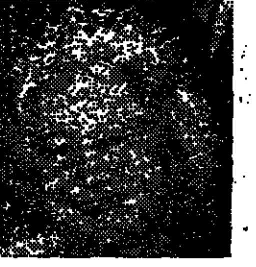
Even this practice has its virtues, however. It follows the concave line of the street; it uses a mellow red brick (though Colcutt's Theatre over the road shows how broad masses of brick are better relieved with terracotta) and there is some attempt to give the facade a more varied character.

Michael Manser maintains that "essential freedom of expression [is] now denied and our street scenes are beginning to look dull and lifeless for its lack." *Pace* Mr Manser, these three new buildings are responses to the planning laws and the present climate in favour of conservation, and they have greatly enhanced Shaftesbury Avenue as a street. And two out of the three make me optimistic about the state of the art of architecture.

Gavin Stamp







Taking a bow: Dietrich, Nureyev and the Queen Mother

Roy Strong

Perfecting life's curtain calls

It is sometimes regrettably true that curtain calls can be more interesting than the two or three hours which precede them. Few things are more fascinating than watching the reactions of people who are the subject of applause. How surprising it must be for those, like the Princess of Wales, who suddenly graduate into the league of being able to evoke a state of instant euphoria in everyone without apparently having done a thing.

Two masters of the theatrical curtain call are Nureyev and Sir Frederick Ashton. Nureyev one remembers as just standing there alone in the middle of the stage, rather far back. He can walk forward but he is usually motionless apart from the bow of the head and, from time to time, the ultimate gesture of drawing, with one sweep of his right arm, the whole audience to him, extending his hand across his heart. Ashton is far more complex, beginning *piano* by being drawn in from the wings by a *ballerina*. This rather coy opening as the tidal wave of applause washes over him leads to a succession of stylized hand movements like the petals of an exotic blossom opening and closing in response to some unknown source of titillation. Even when he embraces on stage, the faces of the recipients are cupped between a sinuous arrangement of both hands.

Dietrich's curtain calls must have been rehearsed down to the last detail. Like Nureyev she stood alone, using very few movements, seemingly a statue entrapped in a sea of waves of silver fox fur lapping around her feet. There was the languorous hint of exhaustion of an ambiguous kind and the head of hair, of a colour, as was said of the first Elizabeth, of a colour never known to nature, raised and lowered itself as though achieved by some invisible mechanism.

In these instances of theatre the control of illusion by way of the curtain and fall of light is critical. In the concert hall the approach has to be more prosy and is all coming and going. In only one instance have I witnessed that same sense of brilliant calculation. Herbert von Karajan came and went, seemingly impassive to the rapture he evoked, and then, in a final gesture, he strolled on wearing his overcoat, carrying his hat and walking stick. And that was that.

The fact of the matter is that these ritual exhibitions give as much pleasure to the audience as to the object of adoration. Acclamation of heroes and heroines fulfils a basic instinct in human nature. Only in time of war or great crisis does it ever extend into the political arena in this country where there is a fundamental distaste for the fascist cult of the leader in vast stage-managed spectacles. The British are able to channel that impulse around members of the Royal Family.

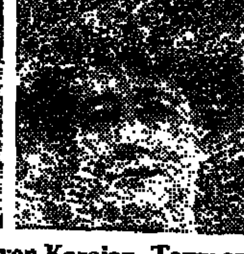
Whether they like it or not, all its members are cast, as James I wrote, as actors upon a stage where tiniest gesture is observed. Their public life is one long curtain call which must be responded to by movement of the body and facial expression. None has eclipsed the Queen Mother as the mistress of this art, knowing the exact moment when to acknowledge the crowd by a lift of her arm or when suddenly to look back at them.

I was never more struck by this artistry than at the gala for her eightieth birthday at Covent Garden. After the interval she seemed to vanish from the grand tier. The audience began to wonder what had happened when suddenly a beam of light fell on the old royal box and a glittering figure slowly advanced, alone, to what became a tumult. As I looked I was reminded of Graham Robertson's famous description of Ellen Terry trying to arrive at a party unnoticed but in effect making an entrance like a sunrise.

The exponents of this art are few. They have the ability to seize hold of that magic moment when the routine acknowledgment of applause lifts itself by a kind of empathy into an art form of its own, leaving an indelible impression on the fortunate spectator.

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Theatrical masters: von Karajan, Terry and Sir Frederick Ashton

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There's life in the old idiom yet

New words and new meanings by Philip Howard

English idiom is changing all the time; which must be one of the *raisons d'être* for this occasional series. At the same time much English idiom is remarkably durable, and older than we think. This was dramatized for anybody who went to see *The Relapse, or Virtue in Danger* by Sir John Vanbrugh at the Lyric Hammersmith. Apart from the pleasure of the extraordinary vowel sound of Simon Callow turning Sir Novelty Fashion, newly created Lord Foppington, into one of the comic roles of the English stage, one sat up all the time with a start to hear a catch phrase or an idiom that sounded too modern for a piece written in the seventeenth century.

"Virtue is its own reward", says somebody, sententiously. "That's funny", one muses; "I should have guessed Dickens, or one of the other Victorian moralists as the originator of that smug platitude." So one looks it up, and discovers that it is far older than Vanbrugh. It is recorded in English in 1509 in Barclay's *Ship of Fools*: "Virtue hath no reward." But you can take it back 15 centuries earlier than that. Ovid (who else?) *Pretium sibi virtus*, or, as we say in the trade, "Virtue is it's own reward". Vanbrugh was using a proverbial cliché with moths and rust on.

A bit later in the *Relapse* somebody says: "That's thinking half-seas over", and we sit up again. In this case Vanbrugh was one of the earliest to use the phrase metaphorically in a transferred sense. But half-seas over had been around as a literal idiom for a century and a half before that. Raleigh himself, that great half-seas over seadog, used it, when he wrote of sailors riding it out at anchor, "half-seas over between England and Ireland".

A little later, in the *Relapse*, one of those seventeenth-century comedians remarks: "So, matters go swimmingly." You could still say, "Oh, things are going swimmingly" today, without sounding hopelessly old-fashioned. So you look it up, and discover that things had been going swimmingly long before Vanbrugh used it as contemporary slang in his play, which means that fashionable people had been using the vogue commendatory adverb for even longer, before anybody thought of writing it down. It is not the case that there is nothing new under the sun in language. But slang is often older than it seems.

"I don't mind if I do!", which Tommy Handley turned into a raging catch phrase in *Itma*, was actually a revival of a saying that had been around since *circa* 1700. The criminal and disaffected classes had been calling police officers "pigs" for two centuries before the young of the Demonstration Generation rediscovered the slang in the 1960s.

"My feet are killing me" is at least a century old. "I'll have your guts for garters" may sound like a twentieth-century coinage by a sergeant-major. It has a long literary history, going back at least to Robert Greene's *James the Fourth*, 1598: "I'll make garters of thy guts, thou villain."

We are continually using what we think are new words for old. But quite often they are not as new as we suppose.

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1984SPEAK

The principal message in George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty Four* is about the use and abuse of language for political purposes. The dawning of the title year has precipitated a crop of structural comparisons between the state of 1984 which we will witness in fact tomorrow morning, and the conditions of society portrayed in the triangular world of dictatorship of Orwell's novel. But Orwell was less concerned with political structure than with words.

In an important appendix to the book he described the *principles* of Newspeak, the idea which forms the intellectual and cultural heart of the work. Newspeak, according to one of its practitioners, was intended to "Narrow the range of thought" *until* "thoughtcrime" [independent thinking of any kind] would be "literally impossible because there will be no words in which to express it". It meant that every year there would be fewer and fewer words in the vocabulary, *and thus the range of* consciousness would always be a little smaller. Significantly Orwell's appendix made clear that by 1984 only the most urgent depredations had been made on the language. The terminal lobotomy of the English mind, for political purposes, was not to have been completed until 2050. *By then every vestige of* the variety and richness of our language would have been fully eliminated from speech and literature, rendering free thinking and free speech, which had been criminal, literally impossible. A veritable gulag of the mind.

Touchstone

As we approach 1984 nobody can ignore the fact that we are on our way both by design and by default to a progressive and irrecoverable deterioration in the use of language. Language is to public discourse and private morality what a sound currency is to economic stability: once it is subverted, society will lose its touchstone, and even its symbols and myths which are normally conveyed through words and are part of every society's self consciousness.

It is a characteristic of every age to decry a decline in standards. But the decline in respect for language, and its subversion by some and traducement by many others, has a particular warning for us because it will diminish and ultimately destroy our ability to perceive that standards – any standards – are declining because without language those standards will no longer be capable of just expression or fair evaluation. Solzhenitzyn is not the only one to have noticed this decline. However, he is one of the few who have witnessed the twin motors of degeneration; the abuse by design in the totalitarian world from which he was exiled, and by default in the liberal world whose light shone at him from afar, only to dim when on closer inspection he discovered its canker of doubt and self destruction within.

We know that it is the purpose of Marxism-Leninism to subordinate everything – even words – to the interest of the Communist party. We have their word for it, year after year. We can listen to Mr Brezhnev recalling Lenin's words that "in our society everything that serves to build up Communism is moral". He paraphrased that by saying that "Everything serving the interest of people in building up Communism is democratic." What more categorical intention ultimately to destroy language and meaning, and what more immediate demonstration of the actual destriction of the meaning of two keynote words – moral and democratic – could there be than that?

Moreover we should not belittle the subversive effect of Maxist techniques to sustain and persist with the use of vague and meaningless terminology whose interpretation can be varied in different circumstances and adapted to the use of specific goals, by divorcing words from their accepted meaning and by ceaseless repetition of demonstrably untrue statements. What is the need to lie openly, when truth, well doctored, gelded and shrewdly distributed, will serve the same purpose? It was Trollope who said that there is no villainy to which education cannot reconcile us. If education corrupts, can ceaseless propaganda be far behind?

It has already cast an effective spell within the Soviet system. As Adam Michnik, the Polish dissenter, has observed, it corrodes a society which is deprived of the meaning of words, and *thus of its critical faculty and the* alternative concepts necessary to validate true criticism. "I believe that a dispute about language is the central element of Polish intellectual life for the last 35 years," he has said. "It is about our ability to defend reality and to communicate with each other. In that period a great many of our society have lost their ability to communicate because of the language foisted upon them."

In the subsoil of a pluralist society lie the roots of individual freedom and morality. They are nourished by the gentle rain of a *million* words and ideas. No rain; no roots. No words; no freedom.

We know that Marxism-Leninism adapts and promotes any misuse of language if it contributes to the ultimate political goal. We know that systematic discussion and criticism is impossible if demonstrable falsehoods *are deemed admissable* – persistently so – because of their political purpose. We know there is a conspiracy to corrupt, subvert and ultimately destroy the "bourgeois language" because Lenin warned us of his intention. What is harder to recognise and harder still to cope with is the widespread indigenous debasement of our language *which cannot be attributed to* some cleary defined external conspiracy and ideological assault. It happens pervasively nonetheless. Its practitioners include some intellectuals; their calling should be to act as custodians of the language rather than as instruments of its corruption.

Where freedom to use a rich *vocabulary is still available in* pluralist society, why do so many intellectuals prefer to avoid the language of direct meaning in favour of imprecision or even the language of illusion? A common attitude to *criticism of orthodox intellectual* positions or received policies is that it does not help in the solution of some cognate problem as though, if something is bad, it is believed better not to say so unless one can do better. There is almost always the unspoken but implicit assumption that if something is bad it is *easily rectifiable; seldom true.* These intellectuals tend to define things not by what they are, but by what they are not but ought to be, so that they can claim that intellectual criticism is only justifiable as a preparation for *doing something about it.*

Manipulation

This condition is at its most pervasive in the social sciences, and any discipline relating to the study of economics. But it does not stop there. There is a progressive use of vague abstract concepts such as equality, discrimination, stabilization, interdependence and so on which are susceptible to often *incompatible* interpretation. As Popper observed, these methods are intended "through a conscious manipulation of facts and minds", to substantiate wholly invalid historical predictions about the future, particularly in periods of rapid social change or apprehension. These predictions *are then amplified by appeals to* the emotions which deny logical refutation.

There is a tendency to depersonalize and therefore to politicize private conditions affecting individuals. We have the politicization of sexuality and homosexuality, of marriage and divorce, of the status of women, of parental authority. The family, which is to be a living organism of *infinite* variety, good and bad, is treated as an abstraction, a mere index for social determinists. These tendencies should not be seen as evidence of a Leninist conspiracy. They are more likely to spring *from a reaction to it* among intellectuals who, though seduced by the magnetic power of Marxist certainty and dogmatism, are searching themselves for a meaning in the secular Western society of today. They are desperate to match Marxist certainty with a counter truth *equally categorical, but equally* unsatisfactory. LeBon, in *The Psychology of Socialism*, wrote: "Hitherto *man* has been unable to live without divinities. They fall often from their throne, but *that throne has never remained* empty." According to Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the scourge and demon of American intellectuals, "Today's secular society has produced its own secular priesthood *in the* verbalizing classes". The wish for political change in which society is transformed to fit preconceived *notions of political good bestows* on intellectuals an especially important role in which they *interpret reality on the way to* the Utopian vision. These people are hot for certainties but wantonly *cool* about the consequences. In vain the cry of the Czech author who wrote "You can't build Utopia without terror, and before long terror is all that is left". Where is to be found the classless society without its terrorist truth?

Happy total

In their desperation to merge the real and the ideal the Utopians succumb to the mystique of revolutionary violence – the violence of the best intentions. Their attitude was succinctly *illustrated* by *Stephen* Spender as "as some day, somewhere everything would add up to the happy total . . . The argument of an abstract sum held in one's mind which cancelled out all lesser considerations."

So, will Orwell's prediction of the debasement of language occur not from a Marxist conspiracy but from a self-inflicted wound? Will the decline and even extinction of our *culture be achieved* by "committed writers" described by H. G. Wells as "not men; but mere footnotes to reality"? Will they be driven by their propensity for abstract thinking in order to find goals in an abstraction, regardless of their lack of connection with mundane reality? We must see that Orwell's warning does not turn into a prophecy.

"The genuine intellectual", wrote Hans Morgenthau the American scholar, "must speak truth to power." No; because to do so is to fall victim to the illusion that he has a superior truth when all he can and should do is to point out that power has no more prescriptive truth *behind it than the rest of us.* A society, like an individual, is above all the idea which its members form of *itself.* This idea is not simply the product of the ideas merchants, but is based on many other things, in which words, *images*, myths and mysteries all combine and confound attempts to be codified by unitarians in search of the master code.

What if there is no single reality, but only, as *Dr Alan* McGlashan the London psychiatrist suggests in his book *Gravity and Levity*, a reality "always and everywhere ambiguous, paradoxical, open-ended", resting on an endlessly elusive *balance of contraries? Man* would then be free to commit himself totally, without anxiety, to whatever reveals itself as truth to him, in recognition of all life's other possibilities. "Life is not a series of problems", said the French philosopher Gabriel Marcel, "It is a network of mysteries." There is no place, no need, and no possibility for Newspeak in a society which has come to terms with the world's paradoxes and its mysteries. It would need more not fewer words then to help navigate such a momentious journey through time. It is not the Orwellian nightmare which should be upon us tonight as the bells ring in 1984; only life's eternal dream which bridges the differences between ourselves and what we seek.

Gas industry reform

From Mr T. Mervyn Jones

Sir, Sir Kenneth Hutchison's letter (December 22) must command the serious attention of all concerned for the prosperity and better being of the public sector in our economy in general and the gas industry in particular.

Area boards in the past pioneered the most significant of modern gas developments. His own, the Southeast, led in new methods of gasmaking and with the close collaboration of his colleague, Sir Michael Milne-Watson, of North Thames board, the first bringing into Britain of methane for public gas supply.

For good measure he and his board nurtured Sir Dennis Rooke, the present admirable Chairman of the British Gas Corporation.

Our Wales Board was responsible for the introduction to Britain of high-pressure pipe lining, on which the whole present distribution of North Sea gas is based, in spite of the gloomy predictions of the central establishment that we would surely fail; and at the same time achieved gas's first breakthrough into the profitable space-heating market.

So Sir Kenneth's proposal to reintroduce area board authority makes commercial sense; just as his supply corporation makes engineering sense, as has been found for electricity generation.

The idea of an independent regulatory commission, as he said, is not new here or in America. There, with the state ones, there was, until its recent extinction, the Federal Power Commission, which those of us privileged to see it at work found well protected the widest public interest, consumers and others alike.

Here in gas the public interest in recent years has tended to be submerged equally by over-large centralised administration as by the questionable activities of politicians using the industry as a backdoor regulator of the economy and tax collector.

Yours faithfully,
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Llandaff,
Cardiff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Educating judges and barristers

From his Honour Judge Head

Sir, Only with a diffidence which is all the greater for being rooted in an affectionate admiration not only for *Lord Justice Lawton's own learning* but for all that he has done for the law and the Bar dare I suggest that the fifth paragraph of his letter, published on December 27, proceeds *upon a misconception.*

I am one of those county court judges, without an academic background in law, who wrapped a wet towel round his head for 18 months in order to pass the Bar exams – in my case after a degree in modern languages and a cadetship in the Royal Navy. I cannot deny that I might be a better judge if I were more intelligent and a profounder lawyer; but I cannot see what contribution to my present work would have been made by a three or four-year study of law in the 1940s, for much of the law which I have to administer has been changed since that time and indeed continues to be changed, much of it since my appointment in 1971.

The law of divorce which takes up much of my time has been so *revolutionized that the learning of* 1947, when I was called, is now useless if not downright dangerous. Contract has encountered much judicial interpretation as well as the busy hand of the parliamentary draftsman, especially in the realms of hire-purchase and consumer credit, *those staples of the county* court.

Torts have been altered in many respects, by statutes such as the Occupier's Liability Act, the Torts (Interference with Goods) Act, and *the Acts dealing with animals;* and by judicial reconsideration of such doctrines as the remoteness of damage and the limitation of actions, all good county court stuff.

Yet again, those staples of county court litigation, housing and the Rent Acts, have been kaleidoscopic in their changes as they have been *buffeted* by the waves of circumstance, legislation and interpretation.

If the county court judge is to keep abreast of current law, what he needs more than a good legal education is a good legal library, kept up to date, and the time to read it.

Having said all that, I must add *that*, while so many *litigants* in the county court may need such learning as we have, they also want to feel that their problems can be understood in human terms: often the past experiences of being a farmer and director of a small company and the engineering training that used to be given to naval cadets as well as the present joys of being a parent and grandparent have given me a livelier awareness of the problem before me than my pre-1947 legal studies, such as they were.

I fancy that no one who has read a number of Lord Justice Lawton's own judgments would for a moment think that the rather realistic approach of my last paragraph is in any way foreign to his own mind; *and I always treasure the recollec*tion of his words in a judgment in an action in which I had the privilege of appearing before him when he was a puisne judge: "Everyone knows that, in a small business, one of the most useful assets is the till . . .".

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant,
ADRIAN HEAD,
Overy Staithe,
Kings's Lynn,
Norfolk.
December 29.

Library sponsorship

From Mr Frederick Oughton

Sir, Lord Gowrie's suggestion (report, December 20) that public *libraries* should look into the possibilities of private sponsorship brings the wheel full turn. Many of *these institutions were originally* endowed by Andrew Carnegie from a fortune made in steel.

The most obvious source of sponsorship is the publishing industry itself on the basis of annual levy according to turnover. This would be in their own interests because they stock the libraries and depend largely on library sales for the promotion not only of new fiction but also works of minority appeal.

This would ensure an improved stocking of the new titles which public libraries cannot currently afford due to expenditure cuts.

Apart from publishers, other factions may become sponsors, including the paper, printing and *binding industries.*

While hands may well be raised in horror within the business sectors I have mentioned, it is perhaps appropriate to point out that there could well be considerable tax advantages in the endowment or sponsorship arrangement.

Yours faithfully,
FREDERICK OUGHTON,
15 Princes Road, Ealing, W13.
December 20.

Sobering thought

From Mr Robin Gwynn

Sir, Your front-page article today (December 27) reports that of 2,337 breath tests in Nottinghamshire, "only 40 results were positive".

Are the Nottinghamshire Constabulary particularly unskilled at accurately spotting suspected drunken drivers, or are they simply wasting a lot of sober motorists' time?

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN GWYNN,
65 South Hill Road,
Bromley,
Kent.
December 27.

Taking advantage of Eagle Star

From Mr R. C. Howroyd

Sir, As a general manager of Eagle Star, I wish to express my dismay at the procedure imposed by the Takeover Panel for auctioning the company.

I have worked for the Eagle Star for many years; many of my colleagues have served the company even longer, perhaps for their whole working life.

The immense value now being placed upon Eagle Star shares must, *in substantial measure*, be the result of our efforts and skill over the years. Yet now we face the certain prospect of the company being "knocked down" to the highest bidder, without regard to the interests of policyholders, staff or nation.

How can it be right that the only interest to be taken into account is the securing of the maximum profit for hordes of speculators, none of whom, with trivial exception, have made any contribution to the company and whose only interest in it is the prospect of a quick capital gain?

How can it be right that employees, such as *myself, who are* chained to the company by the pension rights that our years of service have earned, should have no voice in a process under which our skills and talents, our enthusiasm and loyalty, are sold as property rights to whoever blindly pays the most?

One understands that the shareholders are the owners of the business and no one sensibly begrudges them the profits of the enterprise or the chance, over a period of time, to sell their shares at a profit, but the subscribed capital is only one element in the success of a modern business and in our present-day society it is a legal anachronism that the shareholders of a great company employing thousands of staff, whose name is a household word, and which can trace its origins back for almost 180 years, should be *entitled to* sell the company, without any form of consultation with management, customers or staff.

I was surprised when the Minister for Trade and Industry decided not to refer the Eagle Star takeover bids to the Monopolies Commission. *One understands the Government's* committal to free enterprise, but surely, in the long run, it will not help this country to recover its entrepreneurial spirit if our great *composite insurance companies*, with their accumulated policyholder reserves, are allowed to be knocked down, like second-hand war surplus, at auctions that pay no regard *to the wishes of the company's* management and board and that totally ignore the interests of customers and staff.

Through your columns, I ask the Minister for Trade and Industry to reconsider the decision of his predecessor and I believe that the *farcical situation that has now arisen* gives him this right.

The grounds are obvious: if an *insurance company can* be swallowed holus bolus like a sprat by a hungry predator willing to pay *unprecedented* sums to secure ownership of the company's accumulated reserves the logical outcome must be weaker insurance companies. For how can managements build up strong reserves, which are the essential prerequisite of a sound insurance operation, if the only result of added strength is to make the company a richer prize? How can this be in the interest of the nation?

Yours faithfully,
R. C. HOWROYD,
Rest Harrow,
Round Street,
Cobham,
Kent.

IRA and civil rights

From Mr Bert Ward

Sir, I am surprised to see Lord Hunt's declaration (December 22) *that the* IRA was not actively involved in the civil rights movement in 1969.

I have before me an account, published by the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association, which seems to refute that allegation. The association was formed on January 29, 1967.

One of the 13-member committee elected at that founding meeting to *draw up a draft constitution for the* association and a programme of campaign for civil rights was Billy McMillen, representing the Republican Clubs, a legal organization of the proscribed IRA.

Under the impact of the violent attacks on peaceful civil rights marches by the police, and *loyalist* gangs incited by Unionist politicians, the IRA split, in the period *late* 1969 *early* 1970, *into the* Official and Provisional IRA.

The Official IRA, now the Workers' Party, was composed of those who believed that the IRA should persist in peaceful campaigning for civil rights and democracy in Northern Ireland, *in the further* belief that the achievement of these goals would end the sectarian *division in Northern Ireland.*

The Provisionals were those who argued that the violence being used against civil rights marchers proved that there is no peaceful road as long as the British are in Ireland.

Billy McMillen, who was assassinated in 1975, was, at the time of his death, *the O.C., Belfast Command* Staff of the Official IRA and a member of the executive committee *of Official Sinn Fein.*

The bomb that exploded outside Harrods was planted by members of the Provisional IRA.

Lord Hunt's brief reference seems to me, by its simplicity, to bury the truth for those less well informed than himself and I hope that he will return to this matter at greater length.

Yours sincerely,
BERT WARD, Secretary,
Irish Advisory Committee,
Communist Party of Great Britain,
16 St John Street, EC1.
December 22.

London's buildings

From Mr Peter Carson and others

Sir, We should like to add our voices to the plea made by Professor Maurice Barley and others in their letter of December 21 for the retention of the Greater London Council Historic Buildings Division *in its present form.*

It is a measure of the imaginative and flexible approach of the division that it does not confine its activities to the very necessary provision of the expert advice to those directly involved in London's planning and conservation issues. By giving both *practical and financial support to a* wide range of publications the division fosters the understanding and enjoyment of historic buildings and areas among a broader public, an essential task if conservation legislation is to be effective.

The need for the dissemination of *specialised knowledge in a form that* can be appreciated by the intelligent layman is as great now as it was when it inspired Allen Lane in the early years of Penguin Books.

The happy cooperation between the Greater London Council and Penguin Books over the *Buildings of England (London 2 South* being the first of three volumes which will cover the Greater London suburbs) is just one example of the many ways in which the division is able to increase public interest in and awareness of the richness and diversity of *London's historic* buildings.

Yours faithfully,
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JOHN NEWMAN, Consultant Editor,
Buildings of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales,
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Buildings of England,
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December 22.

Places where they sing

From Mrs M. Gwinnell

Sir, I wonder whether Mr Peter Hannigan (December 27), who wishes to boost the number of candidates for our country's choir schools, has ever seriously considered admitting girls as choristers, thereby immediately doubling the number of potential candidates.

*Quite apart from its discrimina*tory element, the exclusion of girls from our choir schools is as much to the detriment of the schools themselves as the girls.

As more and more parents are favouring co-education for their children, a choir school admitting girls alongside boys would inevitably attract more boy applicants into the bargain.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA M. GWINNELL,
3 Almeida Street, N1.
December 27.

Backward glance

From Mr L. C. B. Seaman

Sir, I have for several years been looking forward to the real, as *distinct from the Orwellian*, 1984 and not only because it will mark the bicentenary of the birth of that least Victorian of Victorians, Lord Palmerston. For 1984 will also see *the two hundredth anniversary of* the birth of my paternal great-grandfather.

In consequence, though a mere septuagenarian, I can truthfully say that my grandfather was already 19 when Queen Victoria was crowned, and that I knew in my youth a lady who had known, in the 1850s, a lady who, in her own youth, had known a lady who had danced with Prince Charles Edward in Edinburgh at the time of the Jacobite rising of 1745.

I am sure, Sir, that among my elders you have readers who can claim similar personal links with even remoter events – with, say, fortunes that foundered, or were founded, at the time of the South Sea Bubble, or perhaps even with the first day on which somebody said, "*Queen Anne's dead*".

Yours faithfully,
L. C. B. SEAMAN,
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Woking,
Surrey.

Rail archive disposal

From Mr John Watling

Sir, The assurances given by Mr Gerry Burt (December 23) overlook a fundamental point. Within the Railways Board there is little comprehension of what *is* of historical value; if, at a lower management level, a judgment is made that material is not of historical significance then *it* is not offered either to the Public Record Office or the National Railway Museum.

For nearly 90 years the Temple Mills Wagon Works, *in East* London, built and repaired railway wagons, employing 800 men in its heyday. It has just closed, yet I understand that nothing is being *done to assess the archives and* photographic records, which include material of historical value that I saw being transferred from its parent works at Stratford 20 years ago.

Can Mr Burt give an assurance that both the Public Record Office and the National Railway Museum have been advised of the imminent disposal of records from this works and proper steps will be taken to assess their value? So rapid is the change in railway technology that post-Beeching records now need careful consideration.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WATLING, Vice President,
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22 Manor Way,
Chingford, E4.
December 29.

Watchful eyes on the pound

From Mr A. B. Purbrick

Sir, If you had pushed your reasoning for the crumpled pound note (leading article, December 23) a little farther it would have become clear that a reform of the coinage is inevitable.

A plausible long-term rate of inflation might be six per cent. This also conveniently tells us that by the "rule of 72" the pound will be worth 50p in 12 years and 25p in 24 years at today's prices. At that rate the round pound seems to be a reasonably sized coin, but by then the 50p coin will look silly and the 10p coin ludicrous.

The decimalization of the currency hid the need to reform the coinage anyway. *This gambit* will not be available another time. Clinging to a fistful of crumpled paper may suit the foreseeable future of a nation of museum-keepers. But *it would be as well to preserve a few* £5 notes brand new in plastic because they will be the next to go.

Yours etc,
A. B. PURBRICK,
28 Doverhouse Road, SW15.
December 24.

From Lord Sligo

Sir, *Congratulations to the Govern*ment on phasing out the pound note – so easily mixed up with paper handkerchiefs.

One suggestion: Could not the admirable coin be more "golden"? There would be no extra cost for a new alloy and the blind would still benefit from its thickness. Incidentally, it would more nearly resemble in appearace the sovereign of my childhood and in a bad light be easier to distinguish from the 5p piece.

A few in my pocket makes me feel quite rich, without weighing me down. Just one buys a pint and an evening paper. Long may it last!

Yours etc,
SLIGO,
House of Lords.
December 28.

From Mr Geoffrey Sampson

Sir, On Wednesday the MP for Shipley announced (report, December 23) that the pound note is "central to everything" and begged for Treasury assurance that it would live; you devote today's first leader to it (December 23).

What has happened to a sense of proportion? And am I the only citizen who finds the new coins far more convenient than notes?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY SAMPSON,
Richmond House,
Ingleton,
via Carnforth,
Lancashire.
December 23.

Personality change

From Mr Alexander H. Shand

Sir, The Reverend Canon Grimwade *is mistaken in thinking* (December 28) that there are implications of an inconsistency in Government welfare policy in the fact of Mrs Thatchers choice of Mother Teresa.

Mrs Thatcher has never been opposed to genuine altruism so far as I know. What she is somewhat *more opposed to than many other* politicians is taking money off A (by Government-applied coercion) and deciding that B will be given it.

Does the reverend canon *tax* his congregation in order to raise a fund out of which he dispenses benefits to good causes of *his* choice? Neither does Mother Teresa.

Yours faithfully,
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Manchester.
December 28.

Pastis master

From Sir Robin Hooper

Sir, Having had some experience of *both*, I have been fascinated by your recent preoccupation with Lysanders and the production in France of illicit hooch (articles by Mr Paul Pickering, November 3 and Mr John P. Harris, December 15).

My wife and I have just returned from the farmhouse in southern France where we were *celebrating* the fortieth anniversary of my arrival there after bogging an aircraft on a rain-sodden field. Among the goodies with which my infinitely kind and courageous hosts regaled me was home-made pastis.

Procurement, in those days, was slightly different. You could get essence of aniseed from the chemist; but the alcohol came from a neighbour's (probably illegal) still. The technique of production was, however, almost exactly the same: less athletic, perhaps, than cassis-making as so hilariously described by Mr Pickering, but quite as gratifying in its end result.

Those who remember life under the flaccid baton of Marshal Pétain may recall how the Vichyites went on and on about how strong aperitifs had rotted not only the guts but also *the moral* fibre of the nation, thus bringing about the defeat of 1940 and forcing the father of his people to ban pastis and similar delights.

The truth of the matter, as *everybody of course knew*, was that the Marshal's government were busy handing over all the alcohol of which they were made to German industry. To drink pastis thus became almost a patriotic duty, and to make it almost an act of resistance – an act in which no one indulged more enthusiastically than

Yours faithfully,
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Egerton,
Ashford,
Kent.
December 17.

COURT AND SOCIAL

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Douglas Anthony, CH, 54; Mr Glanvill Benn, 78; Mr Michael Bonallack, 49; Mr Stephen Cleobury, 35; Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, 71; Major-General J. D. Frost, 71; Mr Jack Hargreaves, 72; Lord Hawke, 82; Mr Anthony Hopkins, 46; Mr Ben Kingsley, 40; Mr E. B. Mackay, 61; Mr Peter May, 54; Mr Nathan Milstein, 79; Professor Valerie Pearl, 57; Mr Jean-Pierre Rives, 31; Dr Sir Theodore Sugden, 64.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Dr Jack Birks, 64; Professor Richard Bishop, 59; Sir James Crane, 63; Mr Bill Keys, 61; Mr Frank Langella, 44; Dr James Merriman, 69; Colonel P. A. Porteous, VC, 66; Professor R. A. Raphael, 63; Sir Ashton Roskill, QC, 82.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr C. F. Elkin, Mr K. Goodwin and Mr P. Hardy, MP, to be members of the Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council.

In the beginning was the Word

This year Christians may find themselves a little uneasy as the season unfolds and ushers in the new year. It was uncomfortable, in announcing the "advent of the year of our Lord 1984", for the phrase has almost the ring of blasphemy.

It does not come easily to the lips of those who scrutinize the signs of these times. For 1984 gives every indication of being just that, of fulfilling the dim prophecy by George Orwell in 1948.

Peering ahead this year is an exercise in despair. Portents abound of a world drawn almost irresistibly towards collision. There were slender grounds indeed for the normal joy of the season as the busy world took time to trim a tree or festoon a dim doorway.

This year if we are to find hope we must turn our eyes backward, towards the year that draws to its weary close. If there is hope for 1984 it lies somewhere back there on those cluttered pages of 1983.

There, on two days that grace our memories, is a record of two events that may yet avert the ominious future which seems so imminent. These dates are February 10 and May 3. On those two days, in London and Chicago respectively, groups of churchmen assembled to debate, and finally to condemn, central features of their nations' military policy.

First in February, the General Synod of the Church of England, after years of preparatory study, solemnly condemned the present strategy, which holds open the option, in certain highly plausible circumstances, of inaugurating nuclear war. Three months later, the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States went even further, condemning by an overwhelming majority, 238 to 9, any militarily meaningful use of nuclear weapons. "We must say no to nuclear war".

This was their solemn conclusion to four years' deliberation on the morality of modern war. It was indeed a year of our Lord, the year that two church bodies said no to the consensus carrying the world towards nuclear confrontation.

It is, of course, fortuitous that this challenge by American Roman Catholics to their government and that of the Church of England synod here was issued on the eve of 1984, a date which we associate with the final silencing of dissent.

It is not merely fortuitous, however, that it is the churches which continue to speak unexpected words of defiance as the silence deepens elsewhere in society on matters of the common defence. Their bold words are due to the churches' uncannily faithful memory of a word spoken long ago which echoes still in churches everywhere.

The church indeed is the creature of the Word. In John's Gospel it is recorded that God himself, the Son, chose to be called the Word, the prototype of man's most excellent gift, speech.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God." When the church chooses its own words, then, it deliberates with holy fear, seeking to make its speech worthy of the Word.

If the church sees perhaps more clearly, and speaks more incisively than some others today, it is at least partially because of its belief that the Word it seeks to recall became a child. Its Word has all the sinewy definition of a human body, for the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The church's good news is the message of a child who learnt to speak to us the Word.

If, then, it is the degradation of language that we dread in 1984, the corruption of political discourse through the deliberate distortion or evasion of truth, it is not fortuitous that we look to the church for hope. For the church remembers the Word.

Perhaps the clearest warning about the descent towards 1984 rang forth as early as 1980 when the Archbishop of Canterbury addressed the British Council of Churches on the topic of nuclear deterrence. In a statement that has no equal even today for candour, clarity and precision, Dr Runcie pointed out the obscenity of the vocabulary in favour among some defence officials who use technical jargon to mask "lunatic" policies. The archbishop's own words deserve meditation:

"The world is dangerous", he said, "because all regimes, in varying degrees, do not sufficiently respect the Word and deal in lies and propaganda which create the possibility of doing the unthinkable".

He then called upon churches to launch a religious war on language designed to lull the public into complacency.

The world is grown dim this winter because man has begun to abuse his highest gift, the power of speech. For want of fitting words, the people are in peril. It's time then that we learn again to speak, to refine our language and to discipline our political dialogue. Churches can do their part by returning to the wellspring of the Word.

If there is hope this year, if we dare to announce the arrival of "the year of our Lord, 1984" then our hope is due to the Word. We owe our hope to the sharp-edged words of the churches fulfilling their true vocation as guardians of the Word, calling for a renewal and a refinement of the political community, beginning with its language.

If there is hope in a world which Orwell foresaw all too clearly, it lies in turning once more to the Word, which became flesh and dwelt among us.

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OBITUARY

MR MAURICE BOND

Work on House of Lords records

Mr Maurice Bond, CB, MVO, OBE, who died at his home in Windsor on December 24 at the age of 67, was one of the most notable archivists of the post-war era. He was Clerk of the Records, House of Lords from 1946 to 1981.

Born in Windsor on October 29, 1916, Maurice Francis Bond was educated at Windsor Boys School and at Selwyn College, Cambridge where he graduated in 1936. Becoming head of the department of history and geography at Beaumont College, he taught there throughout the Second World War.

At the same time, he pursued his researches into Windsor records whose first substantial fruit was his edition of *The Inventories of St George's Chapel* (1947). He served as honorary custodian of the Muniments of St George's Chapel from 1947-75 and honorary archivist to the Borough of Windsor from 1950-80. In his Windsor work he enjoyed the dedicated and scholarly assistance of his wife Shelagh until her tragically early death in 1973.

He was appointed MVO in 1976 for his services to Windsor.

In 1946 Bond was appointed to the recently created post of Clerk of the Records in the House of Lords. Characteristically ignoring the suggestion of the then Clerk of the Parliaments to treat the appointment as part-time, Bond set out to create a modern parliamentary record office.

Undaunted by the damp, dark, dirty and unheated conditions in the Victoria Tower (Barry's "Record Tower"), he organized air-conditioning, lifts and modernization of all twelve floors. By 1963, the Tower was the most up-to-date records repository in the country. He also revived the series of *Calendars of House of Lords Manuscripts* (dormant since 1923), editing three volumes which cover the papers for 1710-14, with addenda from 1514. In 1971 he published his authoritative *Guide to the Records of Parliament*.

Bond's many services in the world of archives beyond Westminster included his energetic chairmanship of the records preservation section of the British Records Association from 1961-66.

In 1947 he received the additional appointment of Clerk of Information Services in which capacity he dealt with such diverse matters as historic furniture and works of art in the Palace of Westminster and the use of computers in the House of Lords. He was appointed CB in 1978 and retired from the Parliament Office in 1981.

During his all too short retirement, Bond remained active as consultant for Windsor Borough records, as editor of St George's Chapel Monographs and as an Historical Manuscripts Commissioner – an appointment which gave him particular pleasure.

A mere inventory of his many professional activities, the result of an abundant energy, would not reveal the character which shone through the shy reserve of Maurice Bond. With his wife he shared a love of Windsor and in particular of worship in St George's Chapel in the traditional, timeless words and music of the Anglican Church. Seventeenth century music, especially ecclesiastical, became a passion, which latterly rivalled his love of books.

MISS DORIS CHAMBERS

Miss Doris Chambers, OBE, a former President of the Ladies Golf Union and of the English Ladies Golf Association died on December 24 in her hundredth year. Her life span exceeded by a decade that of the LGU, the body to which over many years she gave weighty support.

As a player her reputation was overshadowed by the towering talents of Joyce Wethered and Cecil Leitch. Born in Liverpool on November 20, 1884, she learned her golf at the Wirral, a club owned and maintained by women which had opened when she was ten years old.

The First World War, in which she was an ambulance driver with the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY), interrupted her career, but at the age of 39 in 1923 she won the British title in rough weather over the long Burnham course. The conditions suited her powerful game and a swing that was short and crisp.

Her influence in the game was most strongly felt in the unobtrusive field of administration. In many small ways she encouraged young players at a time when it was not yet fashionable to do so and was a pioneer in forming links with other golfing countries of the world. She captained Curtis Cup teams in 1936, 1938 and 1948; her air of quiet authority made her an obvious choice as leader of the first Commonwealth trip undertaken by the LGU to South Africa in 1933 and a year later to Canada and the United States.

She kept up a voluminous correspondence with friends abroad, and many a visitor to this country has had cause to be grateful for the services she performed as Overseas Liaison Officer.

She was appointed OBE in 1960 and the following year became president of the LGU.

WILLIAM DEMAREST

William Demarest, who died on December 28 in Palm Springs, California, at the age of 91, was a cheerful, round-faced character actor who made more than 100 films and was one of Hollywood's most valuable supporting players, a thoroughly reliable and professional performer with a fine sense of timing.

He appeared with Al Jolson in the first talking picture, *The Jazz Singer*, in 1927 and in a film career spanning 50 years he became an immediately recognizable figure, even to cinemagoers unable to put a name to his face. He had the knack of giving a film a lift just when it needed one.

His best-known part, for which he gained an Oscar nomination, was as the singer's agent in *The Jolson Story* (1946), a fictionalized biography in which Jolson was acted (and mimed) by Larry Parks. He repeated the role in the 1950 sequel, *Jolson Sings Again*.

The more notable of his other films included the sharp-edged comedies directed in the early 1940s by Preston Sturges: *The Great McGinty*, *Sullivan's Travels*, *The Palm Beach Story*, *Hail the Conquering Hero* and *The Miracle of Morgan's Creek*. In the last Demarest gave a memorable performance as Officer Kockenlocker, the harassed father of Betty Hutton and Diana Lynn.

William Demarest was born in St Paul, Minnesota, in February 1892 and went on the stage at the age of five in a vaudeville act with his brothers, Reuben and George. He played in stock companies and carnivals and was a professional boxer for a while. In 1917 he appeared for the first time in New York and was in several Broadway shows before switching to the cinema.

He continued to act until he was well into his eighties and among his later films were *It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, *That Darn Cat* and *Won Ton Ton the Dog that Saved Hollywood*.

HERBERT van THAL

Mrs Kathleen Adams writes:

May I be allowed to add a little to your obituary of Herbert van Thal?

His interest in 19th century literature came to the aid of the George Eliot Fellowship (of which he was a member) when we were beginning the negotiations for a memorial stone to be placed in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey to mark the centenary of the death of George Eliot in 1980.

The chairman and secretary came away from a meeting at the Abbey deeply dismayed by what we had found to be the expected costs of the project. We called at Bertie Van Thal's Regent Street office and laid all our doubts before him; how could a small society like ours ever raise such a large sum of money? Bertie was quite convinced that we could. Indeed, he assured us that it would be easy to interest the literary world in a memorial

He subsequently gathered together a group of distinguished people who gladly put their names to an eloquent appeal letter, all the costs of which were borne by Bertie personally, Of course, he had been right. In no time we had reached our target; by the time the fund was closed, we had doubled it. Such was Bertie's wider view of the world of literature.

Without his conviction and his positive and active part in the launching the appeal, I wonder whether the memorial stone, of which we are now so proud, would ever have materialized.

One of his own books which was omitted from your list was an admirable biograpghy of Eliza Lynn Linton, a minor Victorian novelist who knew George Eliot well, but who was only too aware how far short she fell of her fellow novelist

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. W. Barnard and Dr S. A. Heasman

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey William, son of Mr and Mrs Horace Barnard, of Curdridge, Hampshire, and Sarah Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Heasman, of Hassocks, Sussex.

Mr J. C. Brown and Miss C. J. D. den Hollander

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Charles, elder son of Colonel and Mrs Alan Brown, of Yateley, and Crecy Jane Drysdale, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. den Hollander, of Godalming, Surrey, and Sydney, Australia.

Mr J. Burns and Miss I. Dardinier

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs F. B. Burns, of Birkdale, Merseyside, and Isabelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Dardinier, of Vacquières, France.

Mr N. Caiger-Smith and Miss J. M. Bennett

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Caiger-Smith, of Shalford, Aldermaston, Berkshire, and Jane Marion, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Bennett, of Raintree, Cowra, New South Wales, Australia.

Mr J. M. Collett and Miss J. M. Moody-Stuart

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Collett, of Melbourne, Australia, and Judith, second daughter of Mr and Mrs George Moody-Stuart, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Captain J. P. Crawford and Miss N. C. S. Hartigan

The engagement is announced between James Patrick; elder son of Colonel and Mrs I. P. Crawford, of Dulwich, London, and Nicola Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs I. G. S. Hartigan, of East Horsley, Surrey.

Dr C. K. ffrench-Constant and Dr J. Z. Wimperis

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Dr and Mrs M. C. ffrench-Constant, of Droxford, Hampshire, and Jennifer, daughter of Dr and Mrs E. J. Wimperis, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr M. Flowers and Miss R. Gleave

The engagement is announced between Mark, second son of Mr and Mrs M. W. Flowers, of Rose Lea, Leeds, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. Gleave, of Greenwalls, Dodleston, Chester.

Mr J. Goodliffe and Miss A. J. Gresty

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Mrs D. M. Goodliffe, of 34, Nevern Square, London, W5, and the late Mr Michael Goodliffe, and Alice, elder daughter of Major R. J. Gresty, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Mrs B. M. Gresty, of 2 Waldeck Road, Strand-on-the-Green, London W4.

Mr H. N. F. Green and Miss A. Medlik

The engagement is announced between Howard, son of Mrs Mercy Green, of Hindhead, Surrey, and Anna, daughter of Professor and Mrs S. Medlik, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr T. J. Hannon and Miss P. L. E. Norman

The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr T. Hannon, of Uxbridge, Middlesex, and the late Mrs Hannon, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Norman, of Hurley Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex.

Mr R. J. Hearn and Miss S. C. Gee

The engagement is announced between Rhoderick John, son of Mr Francis John Hearn and the late Mrs Maureen Hearn, of Crawley, Hampshire, and Susan Caroline, daughter of Mr and and Mrs Geoffrey Gee, of Dallington, Northampton.

Mr N. J. Houghton and Dr A. S. Rodgers

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, second son of Mr and Mrs David Houghton, of Wargrave Court, Wargrave, Berkshire, and Susan, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs Harold Rodgers, of 47 Fordington Road, London, N6.

Mr J. D. Howkins and Miss S. Oakley

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Howkins, of South Ascot, Berkshire, and Sue, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Oakley, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr G. D. Kinderman and Miss A. R. C. Eades

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey David, son of Pastor and Mrs P. R. Kinderman, of Mayfield, Sussex, and Alexandra Romanie Clara, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. Eades (RA Retd) and Mrs Eades, of Crowborough, Sussex.

Mr M. A. T. McNeill and Miss S. E. Todhunter

The engagement is announced between Mark Angus Thorney-Croft, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Angus McNeill, of La Zambonini, Verona, Italy, and Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Lempriere Todhunter, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr P. J. Martin and Miss S. J. Chugg

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Martin, of Paignton, Devon, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. V. Chugg, of Ripley, Surrey.

Mr G. J. Masters and Miss D. J. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Masters, of White Colne, Essex, and Diane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cooper, of Balsall Common, near Coventry.

Mr M. A. Nimmo and Miss E. C. P. Cameron

The engagement is announced between Mark Alexander, only son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Nimmo, of Sydney, Australia, and Emma Carolyn Presgrave, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Cameron, of Goldbridge House, near Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

Mr M. J. E. Peppitt and Miss S. M. James

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr John Peppitt, QC, and Mrs Peppitt, of Chegworth Manor Farm, Harietsham, Kent, and Suzanne Margarete, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie James, of Carlton Lodge, Coulsdon, Surrey.

Mr J. F. Preve and Miss K. M. Savage

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Janez Preve, of Keresley, Coventry, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Savage, Whitmore Park, Coventry.

Mr F. J. Shephard and Miss F. R. Barnes

The engagement is announced between Francis, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Shephard, of Westbury, Wiltshire, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Barnes, of Bayhouse, Beckington, Bath.

Mr P. Simmonds and Miss E. S. R. Smith

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Simmonds, of Crawley Down, Sussex, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. R. Smith, of Caterham, Surrey.

Mr J. N. Sykes and Miss G. L. Adams

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs J. T. Sykes, of Birkenshaw, Bradford, and Glynys, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. L. Adams, of Bramcote, Nottingham.

Dr R. O. Wace and Dr M. Ariaratnam

The engagement is announced between Rupert Orlando, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Wace, of Gables Farm, Hemblington, Norwich, and Malini, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Ariaratnam, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Mr J. F. Webb and Miss S. G. Foxley

The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs Hughie Webb, of Wimbledon, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr A. C. Foxley, of Highgate, London, and Mrs B. Foxley, of Sedlescombe, Sussex.

Mr A. S. Wilson and Miss E. K. A. Thornton

The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Keith Wilson, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Thornton, of Upper Norwood, London.

Marriages

Mr C. S. Matthews, and Miss N. B. Rogers

The marriage took place yesterday in St Louis, Missouri, United States, of Mr Colin Matthews, third son of Sir Peter and Lady Matthews, of Dormansland, Surrey, to Miss Nancy Rogers, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Rogers, of St Louis, Missouri.

Mr C. P. Arbuthnott and Miss L. C. Sillars

The marriage took place in Glasgow Cathedral, on December 29, between Mr Charles Arbuthnott, son of Mrs Arbuthnott and the late Mr Hugh Arbuthnott, of Winterfold, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, and Miss Lindsay Sillars, daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Sillars, of Stuckenduff, Shandon, Dunbartonshire, and granddaughter of Commander and Mrs Kenneth Sellar.

Making music: Part of the brass section of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain rehearsing at King Edward's School, Witney, Surrey, for concerts in London and Leeds next Easter. One hundred boys and 80 girls are taking part in the week's course. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

University news

Heriot-Watt

The following have accepted the invitation to have honorary degrees conferred on them in 1984:

DSc:

Professor John Frank Allen, FRS, professor of natural philosophy, St Andrews University, 1947-78 (in recognition of his outstanding services to physics in Scotland); Professor Robin Main Hochstrasser, Blanchard professor of chemistry, Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, US, (distinguished career as a physical chemist); Mr Charles Allen, assistant general manager, Ferranti, Edinburgh (authority on computer-aided engineering technology in design and manufacture); Mr Peter Carmichael, Director of the Small Business Division, Scottish Development Agency, (services to the electronics industry in Scotland); Mr David Simpson, President, Gould Corporation of Chicago (application of Scottish shrewdness, electronics skill and American management techniques); Professor Gordon Emanuel Cherry, professor of urban and regional planning, Birmingham University (contribution to history of planning in this century).

DLitt: Sir Michael Herries, Chairman, The Royal Bank of Scotland (distinguished international career in banking and finance).

DUniv: Mr Tom Fleming, actor (contribution to the arts in Scotland).

Latest wills

The Hon Richard Oliver Stanley, of Newmarket, Suffolk, Conservative MP for North Fylde 1950-66 and a member of the Jockey Club for 25 years, left estate valued at £180,063 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Yorke, Mr Peter, of Ware, Hertfordshire, solicitor and company director £344,232

Kern, Mrs Grace, of London £515,767.

Services tomorrow: First Sunday after Christmas

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC 8; M 10.30 Gibbons Short Service, Gloria in excelsis (Weelkes), Rev A. Harvey; HC 11.40; E 3, Howells in G, Teach me, O Lord (Hilton), Rev A. Harvey; Organ recital 5.55; ES 6.30, Rev C. Walker.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDERAL: HC 8; M 10.30, Jub Chant, TD, Short Service (Gibbons), Right Rev K. Woolcombe; HC 11.30, Stanford in B flat, Int, O beata viscera (Byrd); E 3.15, Mag and Nunedimittis, Wood in E flat, A. Shepherd's Carol (Britten), Deaconess J. Woolcombe.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC 9; Cathedral Eucharist (with organ music and hymns), Rector of St John's, Georgetown, Washington DC; E 3 (said), The Provost.

CHAPEL ROYAL AT ST JAMES'S: HC 8.30; Sung Eucharist 11.15, Mass in 3 parts (Byrd) Canon J. D. Threadgold.
THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY: (public welcomed) Sung Eucharist 11.15, Three part service (Byrd and Merbecke), Rector of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: Sung Eucharist, 11, The Chaplin
TOWER OF LONDON: (public welcomed) HC 11 (in St John's Chapel).
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: (public welcomed) HC 8.30; MP 11.15 followed by HC, TD, Jub Deo, Macpherson in E, A. Lord thou hast been our refuge (Walker), The Reader; Organ Voluntary.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church): (public welcomed) HC 8.30; Choral Eucharist 11, Stanford in C, Jesu, the very thought is sweet (Victoria), Rev R. D. Hesketh.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: HC 9.30; Sung Eucharist 11, Darke in E, A. Sound of angels (Tye) Canon M. Moore; E and Carols 3.30, Stanford in G.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11, Rev M. Beech.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place: HC 9.30; 11 6.30, Rev R Bewes.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM 8 and 6.15, M 10.20; HM 11, The Prince of Peace (Lloyd Webber), Rev J W Holden; E (said) 6.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC 9.15, HM 11, The Bishop of Fulham.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC 8; HC (sung) 11, Rev J Irvine; ES 6.30, Mr J Welby.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: HC 8.30; Choral Eucharist 11, Rev Dr M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY Sloane Street (Sloane Sq. Tube): HC 8.30, The Eucharist, 10.30, Canon Roberts, HC 12.10

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: SM 9.30; HM 11, Mass in G (Shubert), O magnum mysterium (Poulenc), Rev Dr U Simon; LM 5.30.
ST BATHOLMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC 9; M 11, Short service (Byrd), A Puer natus est nobis (Byrd); E 6.30, Plainsong and F (Marley), A. All they from Saba (Handel), The Rector.

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street: HC 8.30; Choral Matins and Eucharist 11, Whitlock in G, Jub. (Healey Willan), The Rector; Choral Evensong 6.30, (Smith of Durham), Mag and Nunc Dimittis (Brewer in D), A. And when eight days were fulfilled (Bach), Immanuel, beloved name (Bach); Organ recital.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC 8.30, Sung Eucharist 11, Batten Short Service, A. Christ was born on Christmas Day (Trad), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC 8.30; Sung Eucharist 11, EP 6.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: Sung Eucharist 11, Canon T Beeson.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45, Rev F Stevens; MS 11.30, Rev C Hedley; HC 12.30; ES 6.30, Rev F Stevens; HC 7.30.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist 9.30, Rev P M Arnold; M 11.15, The Vicar; E 6.30, Rev P M Arnold.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM 8, 9.45, 7; HM 11, Missa O Magnum Mysterium (and Motet) (Victoria), In the Bleak Midwinter (Darke), Fr T Bugby; E and Solemn Benediction 6.15.
ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC 8 and 11, Mass (Merbecke), Mighty Lord (Christmas oratorio by Bach), Rev C K Hamel Cooke; Ministry of Healing, Laying on of Hands, 6.30 Bishop of Fulham.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC 8.15; Family Service 11, Rev E G H Saunders; HC 6.30, Rev E G H Saunders.
ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: HC 11, Mr R. Harvey; 6.30, Canon K. de Berry.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC 8; MP 11, Canon de Berry; EP 6.30, Rev O R Clarke.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM 8, 9; HM 11, Missa super pitons pitons lorge (Lassus), Rev Dr P Butler; Carol Service of Nine Lessons, 6.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street (Baptisms) 11, Rev I A M Wright; 6.30, Rev W A Cairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15, Rev M Cuthbertson; no evening service.

THE ORATORY, SW7: LM 7, 8, 9, 10; HM 11, Missa O Magnum Mysterium (Victoria), Ave Maria (Mendelssohn); LM 12.30, 4.30, 7; Vespers 3.30, Resonet in laudibus (Handl).
ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM 11, Messe, Il est né le divin enfant (Leon Saint-Requier), O admirabile commercium (Costantini).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place (Holborn Circus): SM 11, Mizza De Angelis.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick St (Regent St) W1: LM 8, 10; 11 (sung) Spatzenmesse K220 (Mozart) O beatum et sacrosanctum diem (Philips), Resonet in laudibus (Handl); LM noon, 4, 6.
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin), 10.45, Missa salve regina (Victoria), Pastores loquebantur (Guerrer).
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin Mass) Mass in G (Filke), Salvos fac nos (Jochum). Organ recital: 12.15, 4.15, 6.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: Watchnight Service, 10.30 pm to 12.15 am; 11, Rev J. Miller; 6, Joint Service at St Pancras Church, Upper Woburn Place, WC1.
ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregationalist), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 9.30 am Rev J Miller.
CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11, Rev Dr R J Tudor.
WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street Methodist Church, W1: 11, Rev J Newton; 6.30, Rev S Jordan.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct, EC: 11, Rev C Flashman; no evening service.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev J S Bush.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11, Rev Dr R C Gibbins.

Science report

How mangroves make economic sense

By Tony Samstag

Mangroves are tropical and subtropical tidal forests in which about 60 characteristic species of trees or shrubs may exclusively grow. The habitat so formed is remarkably productive but vulnerable to disturbance, and the case for its protection is at least as strong as for the more widely publicized tropical rainforests and inland freshwater systems.

Many countries have developed guidelines, often as legislation, in an effort to halt the destruction of coastlines that have traditionally supplied native populations with fuel, housing materials, fish and fishing equipment, meat, clothing and agricultural fodder. A consensus is forming that sustainable use of mangroves is clearly far more profitable than any short-term material gain from development or over-exploitation.

The British are credited with the development of sustained yield management techniques for forestry, for example, that are still in use in parts of Bakngladesh and peninsular Malaysia.

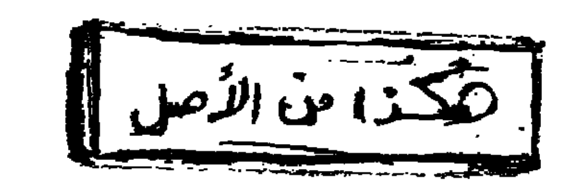
One variation involves a 20 to 40-year cycle, with mature trees felled in batches a few hectares in area and the timber removed, often for conversion to charcoal.

Tree stumps, prop roots and slash (branches, twigs, leaves and so on) are left to decompose for about three years. If natural regeneration fails to occur, the areas are planted, in the case of charcoal with *Rhizophora apiculata*, and the trees are allowed to grow unattended except for thinning once or twice. Timber extracted during thinning is used for pilings and scaffolding as well as fuel. The danger of creating a monoculture plantation can be reduced by setting aside areas of the original flora.

Sustainable use of mangroves for fishery and aquaculture is equally a matter of common sense: the need for continuous production of mangrove litter and nutrient cycling, for example, means that fisheries and forestry operations are unlikely to coexist happily. Fishponds can be disruptive – rule-of-thumb formula for fish culture is a ratio of one to four in pond area per area of pristine mangrove.

Nypa palm plantations for sugar and alcohol have shown promising yields in Malaysia and elsewhere in Asia, with the monoculture threat effectively banished by the fact that the plantation is itself a mangrove system and makes a positive contribution to the littoral complex of which it is a part.

Source: *Global Status of Ecosystems*, by the Working Group on Mangrove Ecosystems of the IUCN Commission on Ecology in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Wildlife Fund (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, 1196 Gland, Switzerland).



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Throughout the development, careful consideration has been given to safeguarding the natural beauty of the countryside, the long traditions of the estate and the ultimate enjoyment of those who will stay there.

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Indoor and outdoor activities will include fishing, tennis, squash, archery, shooting, swimming, snooker and a gymnasium. Among the amenities planned – children's play area, a craft centre, solarium and beauty salon.

Horse breeding has long been a family interest. Riding and other equestrian pursuits are available and stabling is being extended to provide accommodation for visitors' horses.

In addition to the distractions on the estate, the surrounding area has much to offer, and many places of outstanding beauty. The rivers Wye and Usk for instance, provide excellent salmon fishing. Enjoy the wild freedom of the Black Mountains, the English and Welsh Marches with their castles, the Forest of Dean and the Cotswolds.

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MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Year-end investment fling

ACCOUNT DAY Dealings began, Dec. 30. Dealings end, Jan 13. Contango Day, Jan 16. Settlement Day, Jan 23.

It looks as though 1983 will prove a difficult act to follow in the stock market, but yesterday investors were prepared to give the new year the benefit of the doubt.

The new account on the last full trading day of the year again saw the equity market prepared to equal its previous best – albeit briefly – as investors' hopes remained high that 1984 would prove as lucrative as 1983. The FT Index improved throughout the morning session to equal its record of 776.2 achieved last week, but failed to hold its best levels closing 3.2 up at 775.7.

The latest events in the long-running battle for control of **Eagle Star** captured the imaginations of most investors, but failed to spark much interest among the rest of the composites. **Commercial Union** slipped 4p to 178p, **General Accident** 8p to 448p, **Guardian Royal** 5p to 513p, **Royal Insurance** 8p to 485p and **Sun Alliance** 10p to £14.17.

Dealers are now placing their money on **Phoenix Assurance**, 1p off at 375p, should Allianz decide to divert its attention elsewhere once the battle for Eagle Star is over.

Generally, turnover remained at a low ebb as dealers departed for home before the close of business. Gilts barely stirred from their overnight positions, despite the continued revival in the fortune of the pound against the dollar on the foreign exchange.

The death yesterday of Mr Gordon Billam, chairman of J. Billam, the Sheffield-based metal basher, may signal the start of a battle for control of the company. The shares responded to the news with a leap of 17p to a new high of 60p after taking into account that Mr Billam owned 51 per cent of the equity. At this level the entire group is valued at £900,000 and boasts assets of almost 100p a share.

In the leaders, **Distillers** put up a convincing performance in ex-div form, rising 4p to 244p on a combination of well thought-out investment support and pure speculation. **GEC** added 4p to 180p, **BOC Group** 9p to 297p, on its expansion plans. **Grand Metropolitan** 4p to 330p and **Vickers** 4p to 138p.

Oil shares presented a firm appearance still on hopes of a pick-up in demand connected with the freezing weather conditions in the United States. **BP** was unchanged at 406p, ahead of the final call on the partly paid shares next month, but **Britoil** added 2p to 200p. **Clyde Petroleum** 7p to 123p. **London & Scottish Marine Oil** 5p to 296p, **Shell** 2p to 568p, and **Tricentrol** 3p to 181p. The bid approach for **Candecca** also prompted renewed support for some of the second-line oil exploration groups. **Carless Capel** rose 12p to 200p. **Charterhall** 2p to 70p. **Charterhouse** 4p to 127p. **Goal Petroleum** 6p to 98p and **Premier** 1½p to 47p.

Pict Petroleum lost an early 6p lead to close 12p lower at 143p after a disappointing drilling report. Pict is a member of a consortium, headed by Monsanto Oil, drilling on Block 15/21A-8 in the North Sea.

There was a spot of seasonal cheer yesterday from broker Buckmaster & Moore which reports that the demand for beer, wines and spirits over the Christmas period was exceptionally good. The star performer was cider, which saw sales rise by over 27pc during the period. This will come as good news for the sector leaders including H. P. Bulmer, down 5p at 213p, and Merrydown, 5p lower at 350p.

However, after drilling to a depth of 8,300 ft, using the semi-submersible rig Chris Chenery, the consortium says it has now taken the decision to suspend work on the well.

Bellair Cosmetics was again the subject of intense speculation that drove the price 107p higher to a peak of 960p, after 970p. This year the shares were changing hands at around 12p.

Highgate & Job rose to a new peak of 195p, after 200p, as the battle for control of the company continued. Last week **Peachfield**, a private company owned Mr Mark Watson Mitchel, of USM Newsletter fame, announced it had increased its stake in Highgate to just under 30 per cent, leading to speculation that a bid might be imminent. But just a couple of days before Christmas clients of broker Earnshaw Hayes bought 22 per cent of the equity.

Klienwort Benson spurted 25p to 455p still reflecting the recent abortive dawn raid by Middle Eastern clients of broker L. Messel. Other firm markets included **Brown Shipley** 5p to 340p, **Hill Samuel** 7p to 328p, **Mercury Securities** 10p to 540p.

But among the high street banks profit-taking lopped 4p from **Royal Bank of Scotland** at 220p. Recently **Lloyds Bank**, unchanged at 524p, stepped up its holding in the group with the purchase of an extra 4 per cent of the shares.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

P&O wins the 1983 thoroughbred stakes

All week champagne corks have been popping in brokers' offices in celebration of a prosperous 1983 and to greet the new year, which holds promise of more good business to come.

This will be seen as the year Britain finally pulled clear of the recession. Much, if not all, of British industry as emerged more vigorous, leaner and better managed. Along the way there have been casualties, usually companies unable to conform to higher standards of competition, but, by and large, the forecasters paint a rosy picture of prospects.

The FT Index of 30 leading shares, a universally popular although not an accurate guide, ended the year on a high note at 776.2, a rise of over 30 per cent from the figures a year ago. The FT-Actuaries All Share Index also closed 1983 on a firm note, just a couple of points short of its record high and 20 per cent up on a year ago. Despite belief to the contrary, both have outstripped inflation over the past nine years, and the market shows few signs of running out of steam yet.

This year also marked the appearance of American investors in numbers in the London stock market. Their thirst for the bluest of our blue chips seemed unquenchable, and this, combined with a stream of takeover situations, has made for a very lively market.

The best performance among the constituents of the FT Index was Peninsula & Oriental's, where the close attention of Mr Nigel Broackes and his colleagues at Trafalgar House and the response of the P&O board, mainly in the shape of a new chairman, Mr Jeffrey Sterling, did the share price nothing but good.

The next scene in this drama will be enacted in the new year when the Monopolies Commission delivers its report, but investors are now looking at P&O in its own right. The shares closed at 249p on Friday, way above Trafalgar's first bid in May, and a rise on the year of 130 per cent.

P&O's nearest rival was London Brick, up 108 per cent at 137p, after Lord Hanson's decision to add it to his buying list.

At the other end of the spectrum, the disaster story of the year was London & Liverpool Trust. After parting company with its former chairman, Mr Ron Schuck, the board pinned its hopes on another entrepreneur, Mr Jeffrey Bonas, whose Telejector subsidiary, the pub video company, was expected to yield rich pickings. Things turned sour.

Pundits and punters alike are now placing their bets on the leaders and laggards for 1984. If 1983 is anything to go by it should be another interesting race.

British Airways shows strength

Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, has put up a good case for his independent airline absorbing some of British Airways' prime routes as a precursor to BA's privatization. Not surprisingly, he reserves a pre-Hogmanay snub for Mr Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, who says in *The Director* magazine: "One of the great strengths of British Airways, which needs to be maintained, is its comprehensive route network and structure. It is absolutely essential that it be maintained."

Sir Adam argues that duopoly in the airline business would be better than the near-monopoly enjoyed by British Airways; the Government, keen to see the best possible return from the sale of Lord King's increasingly efficient BA fleet, and the management led by Mr Marshall, are not so sure. Mr Marshall hopes to see "100 per cent of the airline sold. It would be unwise to be neither one thing nor the other."

In a Christmas Eve letter to *The Times*, Lord King underlined his intention not to preside over the dismemberment of the national flag carrier airline "by selling off valuable commercial assets." Any diminution of the BA role would not be in the nation's long-term interests, he said.

Mr Marshall says for good measure: "our belief, that whatever has to be done in terms of restructuring our balance sheet the Government – and therefore the taxpayer – will get back at least all of the money that will have been put into British Airways and, I hope, a premium on top of that."

LEADERS AND LAGGARDS OF 1983

Company	Closing Price	Gain on year (p)	%	Company	Closing Price	Loss on year (p)	%
Bellair Cosmetic	853.00	830.00	+3608.7	London & L'pool	25.00	146.50	−85.4
Dollonds Photo	323.00	296.00	+1096.3	Newman Inds.	17.00	62.96	−78.7
Harold Ingram	245.00	220.00	+880.0	Ashley Indl Tst	12.00	35.00	−74.5
Kraft Productns	195.00	174.00	+828.6	Breville Europe	29.00	78.00	−72.9
Belgrave (Blkhth)	134.00	119.00	+793.3	Burnett & Hallams	138.00	314.50	−69.5
Meggitt Hdgs	88.00	78.00	+780.0	Michael Black	40.00	89.00	−69.0
Tace	139.00	117.00	+531.8	Hongkong Rubber	175.00	375.00	−68.2
Bula Resources	37.50	31.50	+525.0	Humberside Elect	9.00	18.96	−67.8
Pavilion Leisure	80.00	67.00	+515.4	Bio-Isolates	88.00	167.00	−65.5
Audiotronic Hdgs	19.00	15.69	+474.8	Nova (Jersey) Knit	30.00	53.00	−63.9
Parkfield Fndrs	44.00	36.11	+457.3	Comb Tech Corp	21.50	35.01	−62.0
Carpets Int	64.00	52.50	+456.5	Branon	30.00	45.00	−60.0
London Pavilion	13.00	10.50	+420.0	Barget	38.00	47.50	−55.6
W. E. Norton	14.00	11.16	+392.9	London Pte Hlth	17.00	21.00	−55.3
Fitzwilton	86.00	68.00	+377.8	UEI	141.00	164.00	−53.8
H. Young Hldgs	95.00	74.00	+352.4	Rockware Group	20.00	23.00	−53.5
Executex Clothes	48.00	37.00	+336.4	Leisuretime Int	48.00	54.72	−53.3
Saxon Oil	246.00	188.51	+327.9	Blackwood Hodge	9.00	10.25	−53.2
Fleet Holdings	138.00	105.30	+317.1	Immediate BS Sys	116.00	107.42	−48.1
Garford-Lilley	89.00	74.00	+308.3	TSL Thermal Synd	42.00	38.50	−47.8

	3/1/83	29/12/83	Change	High	Low	Avge
FT 30 Share Index	598.9	772.50	+28.98	776.20 22/12/83	598.40 12/1/83	693.14
FTA All-Share Index	382.22	468.89	+22.68%	470.01 28/12/83	382.22 3/1/83	434.65

Allianz accepts BAT's £966m bid for Eagle

By Andrew Cornelius

The two-month battle for control of Eagle Star Holdings, Britain's sixth largest insurer, appears to have ended with a record £966m takeover bid from BAT Industries, the tobacco group.

Allianz Verisicherungs, the West German insurer, which has been competing with BAT for control of Eagle Star, pulled out of the bidding when BAT made a 700p share takeover offer after discussions between the two sides in Munich on Thursday evening.

Allianz will sell its 30 per cent holding in Eagle, which was acquired at an average price of 306p per share, at a total profit of £163m.

All the parties to the deal declared themselves happy with the outcome of the negotiations, but it is still possible that a mystery bidder will enter the fray before the Janaury 18 closing date for the BAT offer terms.

If another bid does emerge, Allianz has reserved the right to sell its stake at above the 700p level agreed with BAT.

BAT will post full details of its offer to shareholders with a letter from Eagle Star urging them to accept the offer within the next few days.

Eagle Star shares fell from 714p to close at 692p yesterday, while shares of BAT finished 11p up at 179p

Sir Denis Mountain, chairman of Eagle Star, described the prospects for the group under BAT's ownership as exciting. His personal stake in the company is now worth £3.29m, against £2.7m, when the bidding began with a 500p per share offer from Allianz in October.

Under the terms of the deal struck with BAT the existing Eagle management will continue to run the business. Sir Denis and one other Eagle director will join the BAT board, while Mr Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT and a director, will join the Eagle board.

THE BIDDING FOR EAGLE STAR

Date	Bidder	Price	Value
1/6/81	Allianz	290p	30% stake
19/10/83	Allianz	500p	£692m
2/11/83	BAT	575p	£798m
26/11/83	Allianz	650p	£900m
28/11/83	BAT	660p	£914m
14/12/83	Allianz	665p	£920m
14/12/83	BAT	675p	£934m
22/12/83	Allianz	675p	£934m
30/12/83	BAT	700p	£966m

BAT is funding the acquisition from its own resources which include the Argos and International stores chains, Yardley cosmetics and cigarette brands such as State Express 555, Kent and Kool.

The group's gearing will rise from 46 per cent of shareholders' funds at the end of last year to about 60 per cent after the takeover. The huge cash flow from the BAT group will bring the gearing back to 46 per cent within two to three years.

Mr Sheehy has promised a statement on its plans for Eagle Star once the takeover is formally concluded on January 18.

Allianz said that it had decided to pull out of the bidding ahead of the 4.30pm deadline for final bids set by the Takeover Panel largely because it could not achieve its original aim of gaining a significant stake in Eagle rather than winning full control.

Allianz will use the proceeds from the sale of its holding in Eagle to enhance its capital base.

The profit from the sale of shares, which were first acquired in a dawn raid two years ago, also leave the group well positioned to develop other opportunities for international expansion, including further takeover opportunities in the London insurance market.

The fierce bidding for Eagle has led to calls backed Sir Denis, for government guidelines to protect other British composite insurance companies from foreign takeover.

Good start to account

Hopes for a prosperous New Year kept the equity market on the boil yesterday as share prices opened the new account on a firm note. The FT Index managed to equal last week's record of 776.2 during the day, but closed below its best levels of yesterday 3.2 up at 775.7.

Once again, most of the serious investment advice was centred on the leaders, but turnover remained low, with dealers making the most of an early start to the New Year festivities. Gilts showed little inclination to move from their overnight positions, despite high hopes for the economy in 1984 by several analysts.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 775.7 up 3.2
FT Gilts: 83.12 down 0.03
FT All Share: 470.5 up 1.61
Bargains: 17,014
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 97.89 up 1.77
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1259.55 down 0.61
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index closed
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 874.94 down 2.21
Amsterdam: 161.6 unchanged
Sydney: AO Index 1004.4 up 1.4
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1041.7 unchanged
Brussels: General Index 136.16 down 0.61
Paris: CAC Index 156.7 down 0.2
Zurich: SKA General 316.90 unchanged

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.4515 up 30pts
Index 82.9 up 0.1
DM 3.9550 unchanged
FrF 12.07 down 0.02
Yen 336.50 unchanged
Dollar
Index n.a.
DM 2.7220 down 0.0060
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4515
Dollar DM 2.7230
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.570600
SDR £0.725168

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $381.50 pm $381.50
close $381.50-382.50 (£263.25-263.75)
New York (latest): $385.00
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$393-394.50 (£271-272)
Sovereigns* (new):
$89.50-90.50 (£61.75-62.50)
*Excludes VAT

State 'must cut levies on industry'

By David Young

Costs imposed on industry by central and local government must be cut if the economic recovery started in 1983 is to accelerate next year, Sir Terrence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said yesterday.

Sir Terrence, in an end-of-year message, also said that prices must be held down by keeping wage settlements down. "That is paramount in the battle against inflation."

For much of industry and commerce the situation was still "fragile", he said.

"My greatest concern is that the recovery should be sustained. There is a long way to go: there are still more than 3 million people in Britain without jobs. If we are to help them to find work we must do everything we can to ensure that British products and services are competitive in world markets – not only in price but in quality, design, performance and in after-sales service.

"We must make the goods that people want, not those we think they ought to have.

"The bulk of the task is for management, but Government must help by creating the right economic climate.

Candecca in mystery bid talks

By Derek Pain

Shares of Candecca Resources surged 44p to 190p yesterday after Mr Geoffrey Butcher, the chairman, disclosed that bid talks were taking place with "a substantial company not currently a shareholder".

Mr Butcher refused to be drawn on the identity of the possible bidder but in the stock market, Trafalgar House, the hotel, property and shipping group, emerged as the clear favourite.

Esso and Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation are regarded as the other likely candidates.

At 190p a share Candecca commands a stock market value of £75m. If, as many suspect, a bidder is forced to pay some 250p a share, then the company's capitalization would be near £100m.

The initial approach occured "a couple of weeks ago", Mr Butcher said.

Candecca is best known for its string of on shore oil develpments, including Humbly Grove in Hampshire. But in November it paid £15m for two of the North Sea Forties units which gave it a 0.5 per cent interest in the field. At the same time Trafalgar, which has been busily developing its oil and gas interests, paid £23m for a 1 per cent share of Forties.

The two biggest shareholders in Candecca are KCA International and Sceptre Resources of Canada. In October KCA acquired an 8 per cent interest in Candecca from Sceptre and took an option on a further 21.9 per cent at 160p a share.

Thames Investment to sue over Miami project

By Jonathan Clare

Thames Investment is planning to take legal action against Mr Tom Whyte, the financier, after his decision to pull out of a £13m property development in Miami, Florida.

Mr Whyte's involvement began in October when he signed an agreement to take over Thames' part in the Miami project, which had been instrumental in the company's loss of almost £5m last year.

But he told Thames on December 23 that he no longer intended to proceed with his side of the bargain. Mr Whyte has given no reason for his decision

The agreement with Mr Whyte also involved Mr Joseph Benjamin, a former chief executive of Thames, who has a 20 per cent stake in the deal.

Sources close to Mr Whyte, who is in New York, said that he was considering taking legal action against Mr J Benjamin.

Mr Whyte was a stock market "whizz-kid" of the 1970s who later disappeared from the City before returning last year as a big shareholder in Sangers, the photographic company.

Haverford may bid for Tring

A new takeover bid may be on the way for Tring Hall Securities, the controversial group which specialize in bringing companies to the USM.

Last night, Haverford Securities, the unquoted investment group headed by Mr Norman Barrington Cork, said it was considering making a fresh offer. Last summer, Haverford was involved in a long and bitter struggle for control of Tring Hall.

No Haverford executive was available yesterday to give details of the proposed offer.

In June, Tring Hall lost its licence to deal in securities.

WALL STREET

Dow slips in mixed trading

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Share prices rose in continued light trading yesterday, reversing an opening loss. However, by noon they had slipped again. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 0.30 points lower at 1259.87.

Advances were about level with falling shares.

AMR Corp was trading at 36, up ⅝, on a volume of 314,300 shares, including a block of 243,000 at 35⅝, that traded shortly after the opening. United Airlines was up ¼ at 36¼, and Delta was ¼ higher at 39½. Pan Am rose ½ to 8½.

Some traders are believed to be continuing to adjust their portfolios for the New Year and to be engaged in some tax selling. Despite the expected slowdown, 1983 will be the busiest year in the 191-year history of New York Stock Exchange with more than 21 billion shares changing hands. This exceeds 1982's 16.5 billion shares.

The investors who had not already left for the New Year's holiday weekend were likely to be restrained by uncertainty about the Federal Reserve's money supply figures, due out after the market closed.

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 9
3 month interbank 9⁷⁄₃₂-9⁵⁄₃₂

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 month DM 6-5⅞
3 month FrF 13½-13¼

US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9½
Treasury long bond 101¹⁄₃₂-101⁵⁄₃₂

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 2 to December 6, 1983 inclusive: 9.350 per cent.

$3.8bn loan reflects Mexico's progress

By John Lawless

Foreign bankers yesterday acknowleded Mexico's recent economic progress with a $3.8 billion (£2.6 billion) 10-year loan to meet its 1984 requirements. Terms of the new loan are considerably easier than those attached to the £5 billion commercial bank credit signed last February.

Mexico's debts still total about £83 billion. But the country has cut inflation from 100 per cent in 1982 to 53.8 per cent in the first eight-months of this year and the economy is improving fast.

A British banker said yesterday: "There is still some way to go. But the Mexicans have managed this extraordinary performance by not only complying with the expectations of outsiders, especially in terms of scrupulously making interest payments, but in many cases going beyond them".

The main achievement was to cut the national budget deficit from 17 per cent of gross national product in 1982 to the 8 per cent specified by the International Monetary Fund this year. "If somebody had suddenly told President Reagan, or the British Government for that matter, 'Cut your deficit in half', the answer would have been 'Impossible'," the banker said. "But the Mexicans did it".

For British companies, the next six months could mean the highest level of business contacts in more than two years.

The Latin American Trade Advisory Group, which advises the Government on foreign trade policy, anticipated Mexico's recovery almost a year ago. "We set up the British-Mexican Businessmen's Group in February", Mr Michael Valdes Scott, LATAG director, said yesterday.

"In May, Mr Bob Hickman, managing director of the Volvo-Rolls-Royce diesel engine plant in Mexico, will lead a delegation of expatriate businessmen to Britain to advise firms

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK

Bout of contrary thinking on prospects for gilts

An uncanny unanimity, bordering on complacency, has overcome the gilts market. Open any stockbroker's circular these days and the argument is the same.

The US Federal Reserve policy will not change much, inflation is under control at an acceptable level, the British Government's borrowing requirement could fall appreciably. Therefore, gilt yields will be more or less the same this time in 1984.

Such broadly based agreement about prospects instinctively brings a bout of contrary thinking. At the most general level, *something* will go wrong in 1984.

FT GILTS INDEX
DATASTREAM

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

(Scale: 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83)

President Reagan may drop dead (although that might disturb the markets less than the demise of Mr Paul Volcker); wars in the Middle East might cause oil prices to soar; the British Government's appetite for banana skins might reach Billy Bunter proportions.

But since these and similar eventualities are by definition unpredictable, speculating on their impact on interest rates and yeilds of fixed-interest securities is a parlour game.

More instructive are the forces at work within the gilts market now. A useful line of inquiry here is the extent to which British interest rates will be a function of American rates in 1984.

First, a disclaimer. There is no doubt that for a host of political, investment and cultural reasons the dollar will remain an attractive currency.

It may suffer from the huge and mounting American trade deficit and it is a reasonable argument that as the yeild gap between American and other investments narrows the flow of capital into the US will slow. But the international financial climate will continue to derive its essential character from Washington.

Nevertheless, the fact that key indicators around the world are merging suggests that local policy and events can exert more influence. Broadly speaking, by the end of 1984 inflation rates in the European Community and in the US will be the same (say 5 per cent) and such differences as will persist will be offset by the low nominal inflation rate and the diminution of inflationary expectations.

In this clement climate – which will be prolonged if President Reagan is returned to office – local factors such as the British Government's funding requirement and the competition from within this country for savings will possibly carry more weight in the gilts market. British interest rates and yields will not be "de-linked" from Wall Street, but the relative importance of different elements in the connexion will alter.

The irony here is that the notorious Public Sector Borrowing Requirement, so long the villian of all economic and financial analysis, is experiencing a rapid rehabilitation.

The outcome for 1983-84 is forecast by City and government at £9,500m to £10,000m. Helped by further asset sales during the next financial year, notably British Telecom, a PSBR of £8,000m is quite feasible.

Not only is the PSBR less demanding of private funds (regardless of whether you believe the Chancellor's threat to raise taxes), but institutional cash flow should increase in 1984 as well.

A 10 per cent rise over this financial year's likely outcome of about £14,000m is a reasonable expectation. The result would be to bring gross gilt and asset sales back down to between 80 and 85 per cent of institutional cash flow, the level achieved in 1981-82 and 1982-83.

An interesting by-product of the decline in the fixation with the PSBR could be the waning of the intricate monetary analyses popular with some stockbrokers during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Government policy, as represented by the government broker, will of course still be vital, but it is conceivable that the gilts market will be less concerned about the arcane monthly banking figures.

One new factor, however, to which the market may pay attention, especially in the second half of 1984, is capital investment. If the latest investment intentions are a guide, gross fixed investment should go up significantly faster, even if the total may still be less than the £41,600m (in 1980 prices) recorded in 1979.

It is not surprising that analysts are unwilling to break the consensus and say that 1984 will not be good for gilts, irrespective of what befalls the equity market. But the fixed interest market has been so difficult for so long that one is reluctant to herald a new dawn.

Michael Prest

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Apl/June	856–55
July/Sept	886–65
Oct/Dec	878–76
Jan/Mch	888–84
Apl/Jne	898–96
July/Sept	910–06
Oct/Dec	924–17
Vol:	48
COCOA	
Dec	expired
Mch	2017–16
May	1991–90
July	1973–72
Sept	1948–43
Dec	1905–00
Mch	1887–83
Vol:	6,326
COFFEE	
Jan	1952–53
Mch	1899–1900
May	1829–1832
July	1790–1792
Sept	1760–1762
Nov	1730–1735
GAS OIL	
Dec	expired
Jan	251.75–251.25
Feb	249.25–249.00
Mch	244.00–243.75
Apl	239.00–238.00
May	236.00–234.25
June	237.00–232.00
July	238.00–228.00
Aug	242.00–228.00
Vol:	1,505

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	980.50–81.00
Three months	1005.50–06.00
T/O	12350
Tone: Steady.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	962.00–63.00
Three months	985.50–86.00
T/O	400
Tone: Quiet.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8480–58
Three months	8612–15
T/O:	510
Tone: Firmer.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8525–35
Three months	8645–58
T/O:	645
Tone: Firmer.	
LEAD	
Cash	290.25–90.50
Three months	299.75–300.00
T/O:	11,100
Tone: Steadier.	
ZINC	
Cash	617.50–18.00
Three months	628-50–29.00
T/O:	6,550
Tone: Steadier.	
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	623.00–25.00
Three months	634.00–34.50
T/O:	50
Tone: Steady.	
SILVER SMALL	
Three months	634.00–35.00
T/O:	nil
Tone: Idle.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	1087.00–88.00
Three months	1114.50–15.00
T/O:	5,600
Tone: Firmer.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3230–35
Three months	3310–20
T/O:	396
Tone: Firmer.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
in US $ per oz.

Jan	381.50–382.10
Feb	382.60–383.40
Apl	389.00–390.00
June	396.00–396.40
Aug	402.50–403.00
Oct	409.10–409.50
Vol:	38

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Mar'84	6	4348
June'84	–	4388
Sep'84	–	–
Comment: Steady.		
STERLING		
Mar'84	97	14531
June'84	1	14561
Sep'84	–	14586
Comment: Improving.		
D-MARK		
Mar'84	76	3704
June'84	–	3739
Sep'84	–	–
Comment: Stronger.		
SWISS FRANC		
Mar'84	50	4643
June'84	–	–
Sep'84	–	–
Comment: Stable.		
EURODOLLARS		
Mar'84	1315	8996
June'84	301	8964
Sep'84	38	9020
Dec'84	15	9012
Mar'85	–	–
Comment: Firmer.		

German recovery lifts Rotterdam

Rotterdam (Reuter) – Rotterdam The world's largest port, appears to have weathered the recession despite a 7 per cent fall in cargo handled in 1983.

The amount of cargo shipped through Rotterdam in late 1983 was higher than forecast earlier, mainly because of signs of recovery in West Germany and in some sectors in The Netherlands, Mr Roel den Dunnen the commissioner, said.

Rotterdam expects to have handled 232 million tonnes of cargo in 1983, down from 250 million tonnes in 1982, he said. That is about twice the volume passing through Kobe, Japan, the world's second largest port.

He forecast that traffic through Rotterdam will rise by between five and seven million tonnes next year.

This year's fall was due chiefly to lower demand for oil products and for ores used in the depressed steel industry. Economists said the year was disappointing since cargo handling fell by only about 1 per cent in 1982.

Rotterdam, which handles about 30,000 ships and 200,000 inland barges every year, contributes almost one-fifth of the gross national product of The Netherlands. The port handled over 300 million tonnes in 1979, a record.

WALL STREET

	Dec 29	Dec 28
AMF Inc	16¼	16¼
AMR	33½	35½
Allied Chem	55¼	55¾
Allied Stores	48¼	48¾
Allis Chalmers	25⅝	16½
Alcoa	45	44½
Amax Inc	23¼	24
Amerada Hess	29½	29
Am Brands	58¼	58¼
Am Broadcast	55½	55½
Am Can	46¼	46¼
Am Cyanamid	49⅞	50
Am Elec Power	17	17⅛
Am Home	50	50¼
Am Motors	6¾	6½
Am Nat Res	45	44½
Am Standard	31¼	30½
Am Telephone	61¼	61
Armco Steel	20¾	21⅛
Asarco	28⅝	28⅝
Ashland Oil	28½	28
Atlantic Richfield	43⅝	44⅞
Avco	31½	31¼
Avon Products	24½	24¼
Bankers Tst NY	45	44⅝
Bank of America	20⅝	20¾
Bank of Boston	40½	39¾
Bank of NY	32½	32½
Beatrice Foods	31¼	31¼
Bethlehem Steel	28	28
Boeing	44¼	44¾
Boise Cascade	44	44
Borden	58¼	56½
Borg Warner	24½	24¾
Bristol Myers	43¾	42½
BP	23½	23⅛
Burlington Ind	36	35¾
Burlington Nthn	97⅛	96¾
Burroughs	51½	51½
Campbell Soup	61½	62
Canadian Pacific	40½	40¾
Caterpillar	47⅝	47½
Celanese	80	78½
Central Soya	14⅞	14⅞
Chase Manhat	45⅞	44¾
Chem Bank NY	44⅛	44⅛
Chrysler	27¼	27½
Citicorp	36⅜	36⅜
Clark Equip	37⅝	38
Coca Cola	54	54½
Colgate	21½	21⅞
CBS	65½	64⅝
Columbia Gas	35¼	35
Combustion Eng	32⅝	32¾
Comwith Edison	26⅛	25⅞
Cons Edison	24¾	24¾
Cons Foods	28	28¼
Cons Power	13⅞	13⅞
Continental Grp	52¼	52¼
Control Data	45½	45½
Corning Glass	68⅞	68¼
CPC Intnl	38⅜	38⅞
Crane	30	30⅛
Crocker Int	25	24⅞
Crown Zeller	36⅛	36⅛
Dart & Kraft	67	67⅛
Deere	38⅝	38
Delta Air	39⅞	38⅜
Detroit Edison	13⅞	13⅞
Disney	52⅞	52⅝
Dow Chemical	32¼	32¼
Dresser Ind	21	20
Duke Power	25⅝	25⅝
Du Pont	52¾	52⅝
Eastern Air	6⅛	6⅛
Eastman Kodak	76¾	77¼
Eaton Corp	55	54¾
El Paso Nat Gas	23⅛	23⅝
Esmark	41½	41⅝
Evans P. D.	9⅞	9⅞
Exxon Corp	37⅞	38
Fed Dept Stores	54¼	54½
Firestone	22	22⅛
Fst Chicago	24⅞	24⅛

	Dec 29	Dec 28
Fst Intrst Bncp	41⅜	41½
Fst Penn Corp	6⅞	6⅞
Ford	45⅞	44¼
GAF Corp	16⅝	16⅝
GTE Corp	43⅝	43⅝
Gen Dynamics	56¼	56¾
Gen Electric	58⅛	58¼
Gen Foods	51⅜	51⅜
Gen Mills	52	51½
Gen Motors	74⅛	74⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	7⅞	7⅞
Gen Tire	30⅝	30¾
Genesco	7⅞	7⅞
Georgia Pacific	24⅝	24⅞
Getty Oil	97⅝	100
Gillette	48⅝	48
Goodrich	30⅜	30⅜
Goodyear	30⅝	30⅜
Gould Inc	30½	30
Grace	45	44⅞
Gt Atlte & Pacific	12	11⅞
Greyhound	25	25⅜
Grumman Corp	26½	26⅞
Gulf Oil	43⅞	43⅞
Gulf & West	30½	30⅞
Heinz H. J.	37⅝	36⅝
Hercules	35¼	34⅝
Honeywell	130	135⅛
IC Inds	48¼	48¾
Ingersoll	53	52
Inland Steel	30⅝	31¼
IBM	123	124¼
Int Harvester	11½	12⅛
INCO	14⅞	14⅞
Int Paper	59	58¼
Int Tel Tel	45⅞	45⅞
Irving Bank	53	53⅛
Jewel Co	47¼	47½
Jim Walter	38⅛	37¼
Johnson & John	40⅝	40⅛
Kaiser Alumin	15⅝	16⅛
Kerr McGee	30½	30½
Kimberly Clark	92¾	93
K Mart	33⅛	34⅝
Kroger	35⅝	35⅝
L.T.V. Corp	18⅞	19
Litton	71	69¼
Lockheed	39⅛	39⅛
Lucky Stores	18⅛	18⅛
Manuf Hanover	36⅞	37¼
Manville Cp	11⅞	11½
Mapco	24⅛	23⅝
Marine Midland	24¼	24½
Martin Marietta	36⅛	35⅞
McDonnell	59⅞	59⅞
Mead	35⅝	35⅝
Merck	90	90⅛
Minnesota Mng	82⅞	83⅞
Mobil Oil	29⅛	28⅞
Monsanto	103⅛	103½
Morgan J. P.	67⅞	66⅞
Motorola	137	137⅞
NCR Corp	128⅛	126⅛
NL Industries	15½	15⅞
Nabisco	41⅝	41⅞
Nat Distillers	27⅛	27⅛
Nat Med Ent	22½	22⅞
Norfolk South	63⅝	63
NW Bancorp	33⅛	33½
Occidental Pet	24⅛	24⅞
Ogden	29⅝	29½
Olin Corp	30⅞	31
Owens-Illinois	37⅝	37⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	15	14⅞
Pan Am	7⅞	8⅛
Penney J. C.	55¼	56⅞
Pennzoil	34	34
Pepsico	37½	38⅛
Pfizer	36⅝	35⅞
Phelps Dodge	25⅝	25⅝
Philip Morris	72	72
Phillips Petrol	34½	34⅛
Polaroid	33⅞	22⅞
PPG Ind	35⅛	34⅛

	Dec 29	Dec 28
Proctor Gamble	57⅞	57⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	22⅛	22½
Raytheon	43⅞	42⅞
RCA Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Republic Steel	25⅝	25⅝
Reynolds Ind	60⅛	60⅛
Reynolds Metal	38½	38⅝
Rockwell Int	33⅛	33⅝
Royal Dutch	44½	43⅝
Safeways	26⅛	26⅛
St Regis Paper	34	34⅛
Santa Fe Ind	26⅛	26⅛
SCM	35½	35⅛
Schlumberger	51	51¼
Scott Paper	30½	31⅞
Seagram	36	36⅛
Sears Roebuck	37⅞	37⅞
Shell Oil	40⅛	39⅞
Shell Trans	32⅝	31⅞
Signal Co	32⅛	32⅞
Singer	27½	28
Smithkline Beck	57⅞	58⅞
Sony	15⅛	15⅛
Sth Cal Edison	39⅛	40⅞
Southern Pacific	38⅞	38½
Sperry Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Std Oil California	34½	34⅛
Std Oil Indiana	50⅛	51
Std Oil Ohio	46	46½
Sterling Drug	26½	27
Stevens J. P.	18⅞	18½
Sun Comp	43⅝	43½
Teledyne	168½	165⅞
Tenneco	41½	41
Texaco	36⅛	36⅛
Texas East Corp	59	59½
Texas Inst	135⅛	137⅞
Texas Utilities	25⅝	25⅝
Textron	33⅛	33⅛
TWA	30⅞	30⅞
Travelers Corp	31⅞	31⅞
TRW Inc	79⅛	80
UAL Inc	35½	35⅛
Union Carbide	62⅝	62⅞
Union Oil Calif	31⅝	31⅞
Un Pacific Corp	50⅝	50
Uniroyal	17⅛	17
United Brands	15⅛	15⅛
US Industries	16⅛	16½
US Steel	30½	30⅞
Utd Technol	73⅛	73⅞
Wachovia	44⅛	44⅞
Warner Commns	25⅝	26
Warner Lambert	28⅝	29
Wells Fargo	38⅝	38⅛
Westinghse Elec	55⅛	55⅛
Weyerhauser	33⅛	33⅞
Whirlpool	48⅝	48⅝
Woolworth	35⅝	35
Xerox Corp	49⅛	50⅛
Zenith	35½	35

Canadian Prices

	Dec 29	Dec 28
Abitibi	24⅛	24
Alcan Alumin	40⅛	40⅞
Algoma Steel	28⅛	28⅛
Bell Telephone	33½	33½
Cominco	59	59⅛
Cons Bathurst	26⅞	26⅞
Gulf Oil	17⅜	17½
Hawker/Sid Can	18⅞	18⅞
Imasco	35⅝	35⅞
Imperial Oil	37	38⅛
Int Pipe	33⅞	33⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	5⅛	5⅛
Royal Trustco	20	20
Seagram	44⅞	45⅛
Steel Co	29⅛	30
Thomson N 'A'	35⅛	35⅛
Walker Hiram	28	28
WCT	15⅛	15½

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Andrew Cornelius on the change at the Takeover Panel

Hignett bows out, defending a softly-softly approach to bids

Mr John Hignett, director general of the City Takeover Panel for 2½ years, retires this week with the City's code on takeovers and mergers intact and the principle of self-regulation confirmed.

The challenge left open to his successor, Mr Timothy Barker, a 43-year-old member of the corporate finance team at Kleinwort, Benson, is to combine successfully the roles of director general of the Panel and director general of the new Council for the Securities Industry. Mr Hignett took on responsibility for the two jobs last summer, but he admits that the new council, the ultimate watchdog of City affairs, is not yet functioning properly.

Its role will be more clearly defined next year when the Gower Report on investor protection will be published. Other committees established by the council on the over-the-counter market, the future of the Stock Exchange and the implementation of EEC directives in the City will also be ready to report next year.

As the council's workload builds up, so, too, will that of the director general. The additional burden will be added to that of the Takeover Panel where a dedicated team already works a 12-hour day, including many weekends.

Mr Hignett, who returns to Lazards as a managing director in the corporate finance department, had personally to monitor more than 150 bids in 1983 – perhaps the Panel's busiest year so far. The bids ranged from largely unpublicized takeover attempts, such as that by Jorehaut Investments for the Badulipar Tea Company to the record-breaking bids for Eagle Star Holdings by Allianz Versicherungs, of West Germany, and BAT Industries.

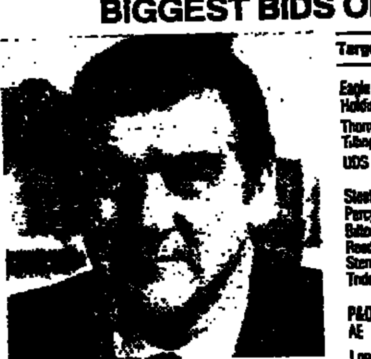
The Eagle Star bid has been one of the toughest for Mr Hignett and his colleagues to handle. Before Christmas, they called a full meeting of the Takeover Panel, chaired by Mr Martin Jacomb, a vice-chairman of Kleinwort, Benson.

This was one of the rare occasions that Mr Hignett had to call the Panel members together to resolve a problem. Normally, his softly-softly approach, coupled with an occasional warning to bidders by means of a statement to the press, has been enough to curtail takeover excesses. This time, however, Mr Hignett was unable to win agreement from Eagle, Allianz and BAT on bringing a speedy conclusion to the bidding.

The problem was trying to maintain a balance between the interests of Eagle Star, whose business could possibly be damaged if the tit-for-tat bidding was prolonged, and the rights of shareholders who could be prevented from obtaining the best price for their shares if the bidding was concluded prematurely.

The panel's decision to set a deadline for the bidding at 4.30pm yesterday, however, sets a precedent.

BIGGEST BIDS OF THE YEAR



Hignett: code intact

Target	Bidder	Price	Result
Eagle Star Holdings	BAT Ind'stries	£968m	Undecided
Thomas Tilling	BTR	£680m	Victory
UDS	Hanson Trust	£260m	Victory
Steetley	Hepworth Ceramic	£122m	Referred
Percy Bilton	Trust Securities	£100m	Failed
Reed Stenhouse	Stenhouse Holdings	£53m	Undecided
Trident TV	Pleasurama	£50m	Blocked
P&O	Trafalgar House	£290m	Referred
AE	GKN	£86.8m	Referred
London Brick	Hanson Trust	£170m	Undecided

Mr Hignett also discounts the view that takeover tactics have become dirtier this year. He says: "There have been more bids which have been bigger and with more to play for. This has meant that the tacticians have become better. But I don't think the tactics have been dirtier."

He counters criticism of his softly-softly approach to the more controversial tactics employed in some bids by arguing that it is not the panel's job to interfere with tactics, except as a last resort.

On two occasions when the Panel did intervene during the year, Mr Hignett chose to publicize a set of guidelines rather than force a big revision of the rulebook.

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By insisting that there should be a shoot-out then, the panel opened the way for a last-minute sealed-envelope auction of Eagle Star.

Mr Hignett does not think it is the best way to resolve the company's future but, he says, the panel had to reach a solution that was the fairest possible for each party even if it was not entirely satisfactory to all of them.

Though the takeover rules were tested to their limits by the bidding for Eagle Star, Mr Hignett suggests that the problems arose only because the two bidders remained in the battle for so long. He says the bid was made more complicated because it involved a foreign bidder and such large sums.

He adds: "The bidding for UDS went on much longer, but no one seemed to think the duration of the bid was a problem in that case."

Thus when the tacticians in the BTR/Thomas Tilling and Trafalgar House/P&O bids decided to mount huge press advertising campaigns to persuade shareholders how to vote; the Panel made public a series of guidelines to govern the use of advertising. The Panel also made use of its power to vet advertisements before publication.

In September, when the fiercely fought £18m battle for control of John Waddington by British Printing & Communication Corporation was reaching its final stages, the Panel acted again. This time, the problem concerned statements made by BPCC to Waddington shareholders concerning the level of acceptances received for its offer.

The Panel judged that BPCC had entered dangerous waters by mentioning the percentage of acceptances on the telephone. Again the gentle reprimand was followed by publication of a guidance note which said that in future there should be a script for telephone calls which financial advisers should vet vigorously from the point of view of the code's requirements.

A third area of concern will prompt a statement explaining the Panel's views in its next annual report.

This followed controversy over the definition of the existence of concert parties when Hawley Group was bidding for the Cope Allman leisure and packaging group.

The problem centred on whether Mr Michael Ashcroft, of Hawley Group, and Mr David Wickins, of British Car Auctions, were acting in concert.

The two had joined in launching an unsuccessful consortium bid for Cope, but Mr Ashcroft decided to pursue the takeover alone. Cope voiced its concern that Mr Wickins would add his 13 per cent stake to that of Mr Ashcroft if Hawley were allowed by the panel to launch a tender offer for up to 29 per cent of Cope's shares.

The panel's decision that Mr Ashcroft and Mr Wickins were no longer acting in concert aroused heated debate. But subsequent events showed the panel to be right.

The only fundamental change in the rule book while Mr Hignett was at the panel followed the preponderance of dawn raids in the market. Yet, looking back at the rules introduced to control the raids, Mr Hignett wonders whether they are not excessively complicated.

The raids took place at the bottom of the market when there had not been much bid activity. The fact that most of those selling shares in these raids lost out would probably have been enough to quell dawn raids without the new rules, Mr Hignett adds.

Looking at the bid scene in 1984, Mr Hignett predicts that the City will see a great deal more arbitraging by American investors hoping to make profits by taking a position in British bids.

FAMILY MONEY

Advice from home

A service to be launched in the New Year will provide specialist advice and assistance to British expatriates.

Mr David Young, first editor of *Resident Abroad*, the *Financial Times* magazine for expatriates, is joined in this venture by Mr John Firth, former managing director of Employment Conditions Abroad.

The company has a team of specialist consultants on call including Mr Alex McWhirter (travel advisor), Mr Dick Challinor-Davies (education), Mr Christopher Phillpotts (political and diplomatic consultant), General Richard Clutterbuck (personal and corporate security advisor) and Mr David Callund, (international pensions consultant).

They aim to provide a wide service including advice on financial planning, property, pensions and the intricacies of National Insurance contributions and reciprocal tax arrangements.

Further details from the Expatriate Consultancy, Fitzwilliam House, 32 Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1QY.

Saving years

A £20 a month third issue Save As You Earn contract reaching its fifth anniversary on tomorrow will have a cash value of £1,517.43. This is equivalent to an annual return over the five years of 9.32 per cent. A £20 a month contract reaching its seventh anniversary will have a cash value of £1,945.80 including the bonus of two monthly payments. This is equivalent to an annual return over seven years of 10.96 per cent.

Holiday insurance

Basic information on holiday insurance and taking a car abroad is contained in the latest leaflet from the British Insurance Association called *Holiday Insurance*.

The BIA says: "Insurance is a vital part of planning a holiday. About 50 per cent of claims are for expenses arising out of cancellation of holiday arrangements and the message is clear – check that you have adequate cover when you book your holiday and not just before you go." Send a stamped addressed envelope to Department T, British Insurance Association, Aldermary House, Queen Street, London EC4N 1TU, for a free copy of the leaflet.

Dial a debt

Having difficulty collecting money owing to you? Then learn effective debt collection at a half-day seminar run by the business information company Dun & Bradstreet.

The company says: "With proper know-how, the telephone is one of the most effective weapons in a company's debt collection armoury."

The seminars which take place next month and in February, will be conducted by a telephone communications expert, Miss Pauline Malindine, and are aimed at improving debt collecting techniques. Further information from Dun & Bradstreet's Business Education Division.

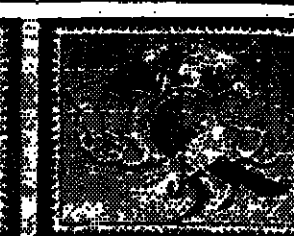
Holiday savings

Free holidays for children and their parents are being offered by Lloyds Bank in a Black Horse Young Savers competition. Anyone under 16 on January 31 with at least £30 in a Black Horse Young Savers Account is eligible to take part.

Contestants have to answer six questions – two on the subject of Florida, two on Lloyds Bank, and two on the bank of England. They must also complete the sentence "I think it is important to save because. . . . . ." in not more than 25 words.

Four top prizes are two-week holidays in Florida with the winners being able to take their parents and any brothers or sisters under 18. Details from Lloyds branches.





Stamps for charity

Abbey National branches will be accepting used postage stamps in January to raise funds for the National Autistic Society, – a charity. In its 21st year which helps to educate and support autistic children. Every Abbey National investor with a Junior Saver account has been asked to help but stamps will be accepted from any source.



House prices up

House prices rose by an average of almost 9 per cent in 1983 – the biggest increase for three years. Mr Peter Moreton, Anglia Building Society's chief surveyor, is forecasting another spring boom – "Perhaps even earlier and more marked than that of 1983."

The difference now is that there is no stockpile of unsold houses to dampen the effects of an upsurge in demand. Biggest regional rises during 1983 were in London and the South East. But East Anglia did well and some parts of the Midlands and the South achieved rises as high as 22 per cent for new houses and 21 per cent for those built before 1919.

Long-term buy

Investors still regard unit trusts as essentially long-term investments, according to research carried out by the unit trust managers Save & Prosper. Its report says: "Overall, 43 per cent of respondents planned to hold their investment for some years, irrespective of stock market movements, against only 17 per cent who expected to sell if they decide that markets are high.

The survey also shows a concentration of investors in the higher socio-economic brackets, with 49 per cent of S & P unitholders in the professional or managerial classes against 16 per cent of the adult population as a whole.

Trusty guide

Everything you always wanted to know about Invstment Trusts is contained in the *Guide to Investment Trusts*, published by the stockbroker Wood Mackenzie in conjunction with *Money Observer*.

The book is filled with information like top performing management groups (Ivory & Sime, Whitbread, Edinburgh, Henderson and Gartmore) ranked over a five-year performance and a mass of clear statistical performance data. The guide is available to non-subscribers to *Money Observer* at £2.50. Subscribers receive it free.

Property list

Investment in small workshops of up to 2,500 sq ft has afforded tax relief of up to 100 per cent of the capital expenditure since 1980.

This has been used by many higher-rate taxpayers as a way of cutting their income tax bill. But the problem is to find a suitable building before the end of the current tax year.

A list of these properties is now available from the IBA Register. It is posted to investors, accountants and estate agents for £10 annually, with a monthly update. Vendors pay an advertising fee if the property is sold to an IBA Register subscriber.

Mereoak, the publishers, do not investigate the investment potential of the properties listed and warn would-be purchasers to make sure that the property is what the sellers claim it is.

But the list does provide a clearing house, putting buyers and sellers in touch. Details: IBA Register, 12 Scott Road, Hove, BN3 5HN.

Leeds smiles

Leeds Permanent Building Society has increased its mortgage lending allocations by 20 per cent in an attempt to cut loan queues at branches. Mr Peter Hemingway, its chief general manager, said: "Demand for mortgages which normally declines at this time of year has remained high. The increased lending will, hopefully, satisfy demand and so this will pave the way for a possible reduction in interest rates in the not too distant future".

Non-smokers' bonus

If you are wavering over a decision to give up cigarettes as a new year's resolution, remember it could save you money when it comes to life insurance. Many of the leading life insurance companies offer significant discounts to those who shun cigarettes or limit their smoking to cigars and pipes.

A man facing 40 next birthday looking for a five year term assurance of £50,000 can cut his gross monthly premium from £137.46 to £92.80 with Yorkshire General or from £100.50 to £80.40 with Sun Life.

Fires cost £37m

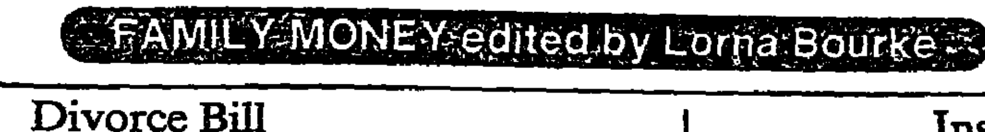
The cost of fires in November was £36.6m, with 14 fires each causing more than £25,000 worth of damage. One fire, at a goods depot in Yorkshire, cost £12.5m.

Warning to women

St Christopher Motorists' Security Association, which insures drivers against losing their licence, has a New Year message for all women acting as chauffeur to their male companions during the party season: Remember you have to be twice as careful as a man when you drink.

"Women are often 50 per cent lighter than the man and alcohol has a greater chemical effect on their metabolism", said Mr Martin O'Neill, a spokesman for the association. "My advice is to take a taxi or there should be a fair toss-up as to who drinks and who drives. Often a women's loss of licence can have a more devastating effect on the home because of school runs and shopping."

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Divorce Bill

'Self-sufficiency' can lead to maintenance cuts

The Government's new Divorce Bill, *expected to become* law by early spring, has run into opposition from single-parent family groups. *They are against* its proposals on child support – or, more to the point, the lack of it. To be sure, the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill is a bit of a dog's dinner.

It deals with a number of separate issues – allowing a split after one year of marriage, for instance (that has upset the clergy), promoting the concept of "a clean break" between the divorcing partners and sanctifying the whole thing by claiming it is putting the interests of children first. But is it?

Mr Paul Collins at One-Parent Families, says: "Of course, we are all for putting children first. But we want substance, not rhetoric."

And the Bill *is indeed rather* short when it comes to explaining just how this admirable principle should be established, raising doubts that it is a pretence for reducing the *amount of maintenance*.

"Just saying it's in the interest of the children simply is *not enough," points out Robbie* Robson at Gingerbread. She believes single parents might end up with even *less* maintenance when the new Bill comes into force.

Traditionally, courts seem to award rather low sums for child maintenance. And whoever thinks that offspring are not *quite as expensive to keep* as an adult simply has not done the sums.

So, *even if* the courts are instructed under the Bill to deal with child maintenance first there is no guarantee this will result in more money being paid. But there was an important amendment recently, announced by Lord Hailsham in the Lords, that will provide courts with the criteria on *which* to base child maintenance orders.

The guidelines will be those of the National Foster Care Association: an order would start at £26 a week for a child aged up to four, rising to £46 a week for a 16 or 17-year-old.

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Smith

This may solve one problem – the fact that registrars as well as spouses often do not realize the cost of keeping a *child. But* again, the actual amount is in *the hands of the courts*.

Gingerbread is still worried that overall single-parent family support might be reduced by the *Bill. Robbie Robson* says: "The court might award so much to the children and it could be a low figure and then pay a smaller *amount to a mother on* the grounds that she should be self-sufficient." And it is the principle of self-sufficiency that appears to many to be the thin end of a controversial wedge.

There have been soothing words from the Government to the effect that self-sufficiency (which replaces the notion that a *wife is entitled to be kept* for life) is only to be applied "where appropriate" and is not *intended to hinder single* parents bringing up children.

"If this is the intention," asks Robbie Robson, "why didn't they write this into the *Bill in* the first place?" She believes it will affect legal agreements.

Mothers will be persuaded that is what the law actually intends, therefore they will not fight.

Fair enough, but the spectre of self-sufficiency has had the odd result of uniting the "Jam and Jerusalem" lobby, that *thinks marriage is a job for life*, with the feminists who have frequently said that it should not be.

Robbie Robson adds: "They are saying 'Here's the Bill, you've got equality, now get on with it. It's putting the cart *before the horse. The* facts are that women give up a great deal to raise children; they lose out on their careers. *Men* generally speaking don't really share the burdens of child care equally in *our society. If they did, there* would be a day nursery on every street corner." She thinks it is *wrong to establish the principle* of self-sufficiency while inequalities between men and *women persist*.

Looked at from the *practical* point of view, however: Will the Bill have any effect? According to one survey, *only 6 per cent of* wives rely on maintenance payments as their main source of financial support. Moreover, the single-parent family groups, have never really regarded *private maintenance* as the answer to their clients' financial problems. Why, then, all the fuss about the *Bill?*

What seems to have irritated them more than anything is the implication that single parents are alimony drones *(the Law* Commission inadvisedly used the term in its original 1981 treatise). So the Bill is seen as a middle-class male backlash, concocted by a Prime Minister who is a second wife, a Lord Chancellor who was divorced, and trumpeted by a media dominated, I was reliably *informed by one single-parent* group's representative, by a bunch of divorced hacks.

Margaret Drummond

Domicile

Long arm of the Revenue

We are born with domicile and we shall die with domicile. For all *but a few this will be the* same one, even in cases where the greater part of a working *lifetime* has been spent somewhere else. It is, therefore, a very tenacious animal.

Domicile is of principal concern in capital transfer tax since the taxation of income depends more on whether its source is in Britain in which case it is always taxable no matter who receives the income, or *if it is remitted to* Britain.

However, it should not be forgotten that *all* income arising anywhere must be reported on tax returns by anyone who is both domiciled and resident in Britain for the tax year in question. Despite popular mythology, the remittance basis cannot apply to anyone who is domiciled in Britain except in extreme cases where it can be *demonstated that the income* cannot be remitted.

So difficult is it to be rid of domicile that it is well-nigh *impossible to sandwich a period* of non-domicile between two other periods. Thus, even where people go abroad with *the* intention of staying in another country for the rest of their days *if* circumstances dictate that they return to the United Kingdom, it is highly unlikely that *they* will be judged as having been domiciled anywhere but Britain for the whole period.

This produces some curious results, particularly for capital transfer tax. The legislation has been so written that the principle of cumulation would apply to gifts of *property* made while resident abroad.

If an Arab living in Saudi *Arabia wants to give to his son*, also living in Saudi Arabia, a chunk of the Dorchester Hotel in London which he just happens to own, he is obliged to make a CTT return to the British tax authorities.

If all else fails, the Inland Revenue always has the S.478 of the Taxes Act 1970 to attack *the returning expatriate*. This gives the Revenue the right to tax a British resident on the *income of an overseas person* over whom he is deemed to have control.

For example, passing over assets before returning to Britain not only counts as a gift for CTT purposes, but may still make the income from them liable to income tax.

Under British law, you take the domicile of your father at birth and can do nothing about it until you come of age.

Insurance

Benefits of accident and health cover

The horrible injuries suffered by the victims of the Harrods car bomb and those who have been maimed by drunken Christmas drivers, bring home all too *powerfully the unpleasant fact* that we are three times more likely to be injured or disabled than *we are to die prematurely*.

Yet accident and disablement insurance has one of the lowest take-ups of all types of insurance and permanent health insurance is often considered a luxury.

Both accident and permanent health insurance provide benefits if a person is injured and unable to work but they are very different types of policies.

Accident and disablement policies tend to be annual contracts – the sort where you pay a premium, but the insurer has no responsibility to continue the cover after one year if he no longer wants to insure the risk.

Personal accident policies usually pay a lump sum for accidental death, loss of one or more limbs or eyes, with *lesser* amounts for the loss of fingers or toes. They may also pay a weekly sum for temporary or permanent total disablement for a maximum of 104 weeks.

The Pru, for example, *sells* a policy which offers £10,000 accidental death benefit plus £10,000 for loss of an eye or loss of a limb (more generous than loss of a limb). There is also £20-a-week benefit for up to 104 weeks for *temporary* total disablement, or £10 a week for temporary partial disablement, premium *for someone* in a sedentary occupation would be £15 a year occupation would be *£15 a year.*

If you think £10,000 is not enough, you can buy more £10,000 units up to a maximum of £50,000 worth of lump sum cover and £100 weekly benefit. This would work out at an annual premium of £75.

Since premiums are based on occupation, the danger is that if you change your job and do something considered to be *more of a risk, the insurer could* refuse cover.

Permanent health insurance offers much wider protection, paying a regular weekly sum for the rest of your working life if you are unable to work – either through accident, disablement or sickness. But more important, it is a lifelong contract, and provided you pay the premium, the insurer is obliged to continue with the cover once you have been accepted.

Mr Laurie Harding of the Pru says: "*People are much more* likely to be injured in an accident than to be killed outright and we have some statistics that show that people are three times more likely to be injured or disabled *than to die* prematurely".

Permanent health cover also provides benefits when you are ill – not necessarily as a result of an accident – and unable to work. The Pru and Norwich Union offer cover for non-working wives as well.

Few companies are prepared to insure wives or other non-working dependants and both the Pru and Norwich Union restrict maximum cover for a working wife to £2,000 a year and £2,500 respectively.

Permanent health cover can be expensive unless you are prepared to accept a "deferral" period – a waiting time in between being off work through illness and the start of the benefits.

Most people in white collar jobs will continue to receive their salary for some weeks – *often months – if they are sick*, so you can afford to defer your benefit payments. For a 13-week deferral period, cover for a non-working wife of 40, benefit payable to age 60 at a rate of £50 a week, would cost £68.67 a year. Benefit of £150 a week for a man aged 45, payable to age 65, works out at £230.50 a year.

Savings

Banking on the girls of St Brandon's

St Brandon's, a private girls' school at Clevedon, Bristol, is the 250th school to set up its own bank under a Midland Bank scheme to attract new savers.

Midland has attracted more than 35,000 customers from its hight street rivals with the scheme working on the principle that most account holders stay with the same bank throughout their lives.

The bank's initiative of taking its services into schools has exceeded its expectations. A Midland spokesman said: "It is impossible to say how many of those savers we would have got through the normal process of children having accounts opened for them by relatives and so on but clearly quite a fair proportion have been newly-won."

Midland considered the idea of a pilot scheme in a junior school, but is at present attacking the 11-plus market.

It launched the scheme last September, at the beginning of the autumn term, after three trials in secondary school in 1981.

These experiments – at schools at Mexborough, near Sheffield, Horsforth, Leeds, and Burton-on-Trent – showed that about 25 per cent of pupils were prepared to save with school banks.

A key factor was that school hours tended to clash with bank hours – except for Barclays branches, which have since started to open on Saturday morning – meaning that children could not gain access to their cash.

Banks have a somewhat forbidding image, compared with the smiling faces shown by building societies on television.

Midland asked its local managers to invite schools to join the scheme and stress its benefits as an introduction to modern saving techniques, and an educational tool for older children studying economics.

Bank staff, chosen for their ability to communicate with young people, visit the school in the early stages with advice. Later, the scheme is taken over by parents or sixth-formers under the guidance of teachers.

New account holders receive geometry sets, and paying-in and withdrawal books which are designed like cheque books.

There are no minimum accounts. The Midland spokesman said: "We accept anything above nothing, although our early experience shows that the average balance is about £5."

Children, tend to save, if at all, for specific occasions, such as Christmas present-buying or for holiday spending cash.

The money is banked at the local branch. Midland said most money was processed through the school accounts, with only cheques being paid in by the school bankers. But it would accept liability for any cash that was stolen or lost.

It can afford to be magnaminous. By paying only the deposit account interest rate of 5.5 per cent and effectively getting other people to do its small-scale accounting work, it appears to have hit on a new account-attracting winner that would take huge advertising or promotion to replace

John Lawless

Property sale

How a vendor's survey could break those housing chains

A recent letter in *The Times*, suggesting that time and money could be saved if house sellers commissioned their own survey and made it available to potential buyers, provoked a flood of corrrespondence – mostly from surveyors. Robert Leach has been examining the pros and cons of operating such a scheme.

The whole property sales cycle could be considerably reduced, unending chains eliminated, and consumers saved considerable sums of money if, as suggested in a recent letter to *The Times*, house sellers were to produce a survey of their property rather than the potential buyer.

The vendor suffers most through our system and logically is the one who should be enabled to put things right. When a property is offered for sale, it could be accompanied by an independent survey and valuation, local searches and a draft contract – all the elements necessary to enable a purchaser to reach a firm and irrevocable decision to proceed to completion.

The survey should be carried out by an independent and qualified surveyor, with a standard form containing reports on all major areas including electrics, drains, wood infestation and rot, and incorporating a valuation.

The necessary searches would reveal any proposed new roads, developments, or restriction likely to affect the property. Delays while the possibility of a new motorway were considered would be a thing of the past, as the information would be supplied with the draft contract.

In any case, on the legal front, life is much easier. The large majority of property owners now have a registered title – usually one that is absolute which is as good and certain as you can ask for. The days when solicitors had to plough through bundles of title deeds are now virtually over.

Once the property has been viewed, and firm interest expressed, the vendor would then, directly or through his own solicitor, make available the documents to supplement the original details.

The purchaser would then have all the information necessary on which to make a decision.

For the buyer this means a certain purchase, with no possibility of gazumping – a very distinct benefit. But it does mean that any property already owned would normally have to be subject ot a similar agreement. If a mortgage was required, this too would need to be arranged.

For the vendor, there is again a certain sale, no breakdown because of a poor survey and, of course, no chance to withdraw through a change of heart or indeed to accept a higher, subsequent offer.

For estate agents it has to be good news with the prospect of an earlier and firm sale. Mr Ian Stewart, of Savills, agrees that it would certainly speed up the system. His firm has for some time been recommending preparattion of draft contracts by the vendor's solicitors when the property is put on the market.

The building societies could have problems – they would need to make a quick decision, but they would have a professional urvey and valuation readily available, immediately saving time, and there seems no reason why they should not already have agreed a mortgage advance in principle, subject to an acceptable property being offered.

Schemes like this are not new, and have been discussed in building society and surveying circles for years. Mr Peter Harvey, Abbey National spokesman, says that one of his society's main corporate objectives is to make it easier, cheaper and quicker for people to buy properties. But, as he points out, surveyors would inevitably be doing fewer surveys under the proposed scheme and would not just be answerable to one person.

Mr John Wilson, Barclays home loans chief, believes that when funds are available the ned for speed of processing and approval is not and would not be a problem. But he, too, is concerned for the surveyor and his potential responsibility to three parties – vendor, the purchaser and, of course, the lender.

Mr Peter Short, of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, has no fundamental objections to the proposed scheme but doubts whether the public requires it or would be well advised to adopt it.

He believes that most delays would not necessarily be overcome by adoption of the proposed ingredients, and points to the prospect of higher survey costs where at present the large majority of purchasers rely on a building society valuation alone.

But perhaps it is still appropriate to ask why a practical solution hasn't been found. Could it be the loss of income for the surveyors, who as a profession sometimes report on the same property two or three times for different would-be purchasers? Could it be that a separate report for the purchaser and the mortgagee is a more attractive prospect? Would the legal profession miss the fees they receive for deals that are not completed as well as for those that are? And might the building societies be reluctant to push for changes for fear of alienating professional bodies that are a traditional source of deposits from their wealthy clients?

No one is suggesting that to put together a vendor-led scheme is an easy matter and it might not suit everybody. But with the residential property market still akin to a jungle, the needs of the consumer are not uppermost in the minds of all the bodies that could oil the wheels. It may just take the forthcoming House Transfer Bill to force their hands.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account – no interest paid. Deposit accounts – Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 5½ per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. National Girobank 7 per cent. Lloyds extra interest 9 per cent. Monthly income account Natwest 9⅛ per cent. Fixed term deposits £2,500-£25,000 – 1, 3 and 6 months 8¾ per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

MONEY FUNDS

Fund	Flat	APR	Telephone
Aitken Hume monthly inc	8.65	9.00	01 638 6070
B of Scotland	8.80	9.16	01 628 8060
Britannia call	8.875	9.245	01 588 2777
Mallinhall call	8.89	9.22	01 499 6634
Oppenheimer Simco High interest deposit account	8.72		01 236 3887
S & P call	8.3463	8.7	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	8.55	8.75	01 382 6000
Tullet & Riley	8.77	8.96	01 236 0952
T & R 7 day	8.91	9.11	01 236 0952
Tyndall 7 day	8.75	9.04	0272 732241
Tyndall call	8.75	9.04	0272 732241
UDT 7 day	8.5	8.78	01 623 3020
Western Trust 1 month	8.66	9.01	0752 261161

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts – interest 6 per cent on £500 minimum on deposit for whole of 1984, otherwise 3 per cent. Investment Account – 11% interest paid without deduction of tax, 1 month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

National Savings Certificates 26th Issue
Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 8.26 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

National Savings Income Bond
Min investment £2,000 – max. £200,000. Interest – 11½ per cent variable at six weeks notice – paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 or 6 months notice – check penalties.

National Savings 2nd Index-linked certificates
Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1984 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 2.4 per cent supplement between October 1983 and October 1984 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 Retirement Issue certificates purchased in January 1979, £176.70 including bonus and supplement.

National Savings Deposit Bond
Minimum investment £500 max £50,000, 11½ per cent variable at six weeks notice. Credited annually without deduction of tax. Repayment at three months notice. Half interest only paid on bonds repaid during the first year.

Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity.
2 years English Insurance 8.4 per cent. 3 years Imperial Life 9.3 per cent. 4 years American Life 9.0 per cent. 5 years British National 9.0 per cent.

Local authority yearling bonds 12-month fixed rate investments, interest 9⅞ per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 year Neath 10¼ per cent. 2 years Kent 10¼ per cent. 3 years Hammersmith & Fulham 10¼ per cent for 500, 10½ for 10,000. 4-6 years Tameside 10¾. 7-8 years 11 per cent. 9-10 years Worthing 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Loans Bureau (01-828 7855 after 3pm) see also on Prestel no 24808.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts – 7.25 per cent. Term shares – 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1.75 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes – 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Investors in Industry
Fixed term, fixed rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 3 years, 10¾ per cent; 4-5 years, 11 per cent; 6-10 years, 11¼ per cent; Further information from 3i, 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. Five-Fifty scheme: 6 months 9¼ per cent; 1 year, 9¼ per cent; 2 years, 10 per cent.

November RPI: 341.9 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month.)

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Investment forecasts

For 1984 read Japan all the way



This time last year we asked some financial experts to give their views on 1983 – what opportunites or pitfalls did they foresee for investors? Although it has been a vintage year for virtually all world stock markets, our panel of professionals did not exactly give some first-class advice.

First prize must go to Mr Stuart Goldsmith, investment director of the Britannia Unit Trust Group, who recommeded its Hong Kong Performance Fund. That turned out to be one of the year's worst performers. His other selections did better, though not spectacularly well. Investors will have seen gains of about a quarter in Britannia's American Smaller Companies Fund and Special Situation Trust. And his other selection, the Britannia World Technology Trust, had grown by 38 per cent over the year.

But Mr Goldsmith was not the only one of our experts to get his predictions wrong. Mr Richard Katz of Rothschilds pronounced himself "very bullish" about gold and this has been a tale of woe for most of the year. The price is now $389 an ounce, compared with $474 at the time he tipped it.

Mr Michael Hether of Abbey Life was clearly worried about 1983. He thought the period of real returns for investors would be over by now.

People were advised, in his view to switch to inflation-hedge investments like property (flat as a pancake all year) or index-linked gilts (a litle flatter, but basically dull).

This year was definitely not the one to be holding hedge-type investments. No, 1983 was the time when an investor could buy virtually any unit trust and make a gain – get it really right and you could have doubled your money. It was also the year of real returns from fixed interest investments like building societies – basically an easy year in which to show a good profit.

So it is ironic that the experts were so dramatically off-beam. But building society chief Mr Roy Cox of the Alliance saved the day – his prediction did a bit better than the rest.

He forecast a rise of 10 per cent in house prices – they appear to have risen by just a shade under that – but he was not hopeful about mortgage cuts. In fact, the rate jumped from 10 to 11.25 per cent during the year and the queues that Mr Cox saw in his crystal ball materialised.

So what is going to happen this time? Mr Chris Tracey, managing director of Save and Prosper Investment Management, had no hesitation in plumping for his group's Japan Smaller Companies Fund as his runaway selection for 1984.

"I still believe the yen is undervalued. We also feel that the recovery in Japanese corporate profits is coming later than in the US and the UK. We will see the recovery coming through in 1984. I like the smaller companies because it's new for Japan where the Ministry of Finance is now actively encouraging them."

Elsewhere, he thinks things are far less certain, particularly in the US, where he believes there could be further weakness on Wall Street. Like most of the othere experts I talked to, he hedges all his predictions with the possibility of a wholesale Orwellian-style crash next year, caused by Third World debts.

Mr Tony Mortimer, investment director of merchant bank, Kleinwort Benson, says there are really many imponderables for 1984.

"I think the technology area in the US is interesting not withstanding the possibility of a weakening dollar. But the yen is a good currency to be in and the Japanese economy should do well next year."

"In the UK the outlook for sensible wage settlements is good. The problem is that all world stock markets are high at present. My policy is to buy individual stocks not sectors. I also feel that by the autumn of 1984, stock markets will have gone just about as far as they are going to go."

Mr Adrian Collins of Gartmoor recommends caution. "I can't see them making the same fabulous amount of profits that were made in 1983. I would be tempted to take some profits."

He likes Japan, but recommends Hongkong for gamblers. His choice for the year is Gartmoor's Global Strategy, which is an international growth fund, mainly invested at the moment in Japan and the US.

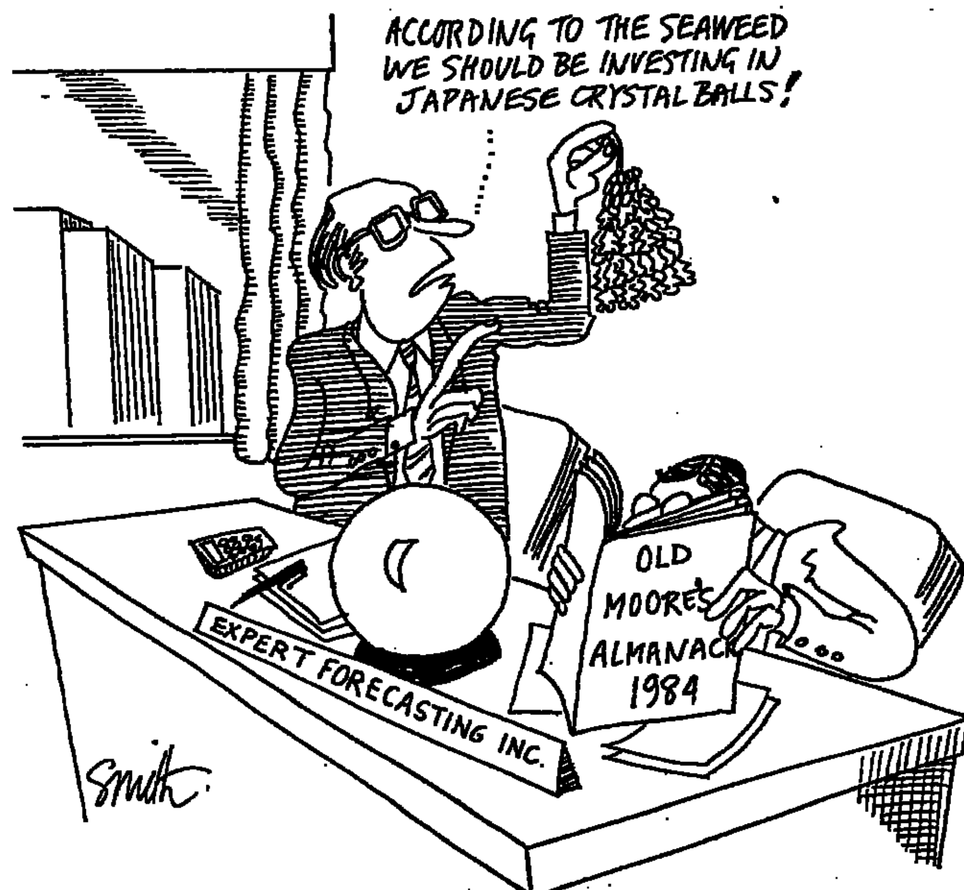
Mr Malcolm Hughes, general manager of Nationwide Building Society sees house prices rising quite sharply – by as much as 14 to 15 per cent

"House prices follow average earnings and since average earnings are rising well above inflation, the upward trend in house prices will speed up. At the moment, we have strong demand for mortgages and I see no reduction in the mortgage rate for at least the first quarter of the year.

"We will find out about the new National Savings target in April and that will give some indication on mortgage rate cuts. At the moment, National Savings is fiercely competitive so any reduction in the rate to savers would mean an immediate drying-up of our funds, as happened in early 1983."

Mr Sid Lipworth, of Hambro Life thinks property may be showing some sign of firming up in 1984, but he also picks Allied Japan and Allied American Special Situations. Japan is also a firm favourite with independent investment manager Mr Anthony Wieler, but he also likes the look of South East Asia, too.

Margaret Drummond



The experts (from left) – Tracey: yen underrated; Hughes: housing top value; Collins: global strategy and Lipworth: Japan and US allied choices.

Entertainment

Investors go for record profits

The glamour of the entertainment industry often attracts investment on the most spurious of grounds.

Most fund-raising schemes in the sector would not see daylight if they had to meet the criteria of usual City or banking requirements.

But the world of pop music is often able to generate funds on a basis where commonsense is lost somewhere between the twinkle in a potential 'angel's' eyes and the signing of a cheque.

A lease and asset financing broker, Mr Cyril Gillis, found himself arranging the finance for recording studio and video facilities when he discovered the money-making potential of a successful pop group.

He manages an off-the-shelf company called Numberdown, an unfortunate name for a promotor attempting to get records up the charts, and is successfully selling 100,000 £1-shares for an equity stake under the tax advantages of the Government's Business Expansion Scheme.

So far the wealthy patrons have been "mainly stockbrokers and farmers," said Mr Gillis.

Numberdown, just four months old, has no assets other than its Surrey offices and a 10 per cent of gross contract with its first rock group, called England, which has just released its first single, *Victoriana*.

The group is in the process of making a double album. Counting studio time, 10-weeks in England's case, it will cost between £20,000 and £40,000 to get the project on tape.

When that is completed Mr Gillis hopes to have the band adopted by a major record company which would then release the records.

A successful group can gross between £14m and £15m over a five-year period, working on the assumption that two albums a year are successful and that there are enough singles-chart hits to maintain support.

But Numberdown is a make or break investment. As Mr Gillis admits, there may be no returns on the project. England will not be the only band in which Numberdown invests and he hopes to involve the company in studios and record manufacturing.

Wayne Lintott

Savings

Decision time for index-linked bonds

Holders of index-linked National Savings certificates, (formerly known as Granny Bonds) who had been hanging on until the end of October to qualify for the 2.4 per cent tax-free bonus, have now to make up their minds whether to stick it out or to take their cash and move elsewhere.

NSB has reinforced the waning attraction of "grannies", brought about by lower inflation rates, by adding another 2.4 per cent for those holders who keep their bonds for a further year.

Compounded up, this gives slightly more than a 4.8 bonus for those who hold on for the full two years – on top of the index-linked increase, which is at present running at 4.8 per cent itself, but likely to move over 5 per cent per annum.

Non-taxpayers should definitely make a move.

The 11 per cent return on the NSB Investment Account is far better than anything which can be expected from index-linked savings certificates over the coming year. If income is not a priority, the new Deposit Bond from National Savings with a minimum investment of £500 offers an extra 0.5 per cent at 11.5 per cent but it is not so flexible as NSB Investment Account.

Higher rate taxpayers should definitely stay put. Inflation is expected to run at around 6.5 to 7 per cent over the coming year which will give a return of around 9 to 9.5 per cent taking into account the 2.4 per cent bonus. This is tax-free and better than the after-tax return from any comparable investment.

FAMILY MONEY

Savings

Gateway to a Gold Star account

Imitation is supposed to be the sincerest form of flattery, but in the competitive world of building society investment accounts it sometimes causes a few ruffled feathers.

The Gateway, fifteenth largest society in the country, is launching a Gold Star account which pays 1 per cent above standard rate without conditions – no notice and no withdrawal penalty.

The minimum investment is £1,000; but accounts with more than £5,000 qualify for monthly interest payments, which lifts the net rate of interest from 8.25 to an effective 8.75 per cent. If the balance falls below £1,000, interest is paid at 7.25 per cent.

The Cheltenham and Gloucester, the twelfth biggest, believes this is a copy of Cheltenham's Gold Account. A spokesman said: "We don't take exception to it. But it is a straight crib. The terms are identical – even the name is a straight pinch."

Cheltenham Gold was extremely successful when it was launched in April, 1981. So many savers opted for the bonus that the account was suspended six months later for two months.

Mr Alan North, Gateway's assistant general manager, said: "We feel that it is the sort of account that is right for Gateway."

Mortgages

Building societies plan 20% lending rise

Four of the top five building societies said yesterday that they expect to increase their lending by around 20 per cent in 1984, and in some cases much more.

If a rise of a fifth were repeated across the industry, as seems likely, total society lending in the coming year could top £23,000m for the first time.

WHAT THE SOCIETIES SAY

HALIFAX: Expects to increase its probable 1983 lending figure of £3.6 billion by more than 20 per cent.

ABBEY NATIONAL: Will lend £3.1 billion in 1983 and intends to lend £3.7 billion in 1984.

NATIONWIDE: Will maintain a high monthly lending level of between £130m and £140m.

LEEDS: Definitely going to increase lending by 20 per cent.

WOOLWICH: The 1984 target of £1.3 billion is 25 per cent up on 1983's £1,048m.

Even allowing for a probable increase in house prices of 10 per cent, the rise is still substantial. It compares with 119,000m lent this year and just £15,000m in 1982.

The number of loans advanced during the last two years have increased from 861,000 to about 950,000. And if the upper limit of lending potential is reached, the 1984 total should easily top one million for the first time.

Foe home buyers,a fairly complex set of new rules applies. Although building societies generally – and there are about 200 arouind the country – are still reporting strong demand for loans, there are regional differences in waiting times.

Mr Peter Hemingway, Leeds chief general manager, said that queues vary from four to 12 weeks around his 400 branches – with potential borrowers in Scotland having to wait longer than those in the South of England.

The Leeds, however, has been lending slightly more than 50 per cent of its money to first-time buyers in the past year.

The Woolwich, on the other hand, with two thirds of its 380 branches south of Oxford, yesterday reported demandas strong as ever, but added: "Queues are virtually non-existent – down to about the four weeks it takes to clear up all the legal bits and pieces."

Brandishing what it sees as a trump card – held also by Nationwide among the top five – a flat 11¼ per cent interest rate no matter how large the loan, the Woolwich was even tempted to suggest that active marketing of mortgages may return by late spring or the summer.

Not surprisingly, it is also suggesting that the main factor that new borrowers must consider in the coming year will be how much they pay for their new mortgages.



Rising demand: More home-lending should keep queues down in 1984.

This certainly applies in Greater London. The average loan of one of its main competitors in that sector up to October was £25,546 even to first-time buyers – which would push the interest rate to 11¾ per cent. A loan of £40,000 might cost more than 13 per cent.

A smaller society serving the same area has a differential that starts at £12,500, which would mean that at £25,000-plus (and perhaps even lower) the rate would be 12¼ per cent.

A straw poll among senior managers in the top five shows that what will happen to interest rates in 1984 remains "anyone's guess" – with the high US interest rates still seen as a factor by many, but with the highly competitive National Savings rates for investments being watched very closely.

The societies themselves have come in for criticism for making their own investment inducements too attractive, but they are making them even more appealing.

They have recently had record inflows: worth £987m in October and £870m in November, compared with £763m and £490m in November and December (traditionally a quiet month for savers, of course) last year.

Another complicating factor may be that the big banks will move back slightly into the mortgage market – although in nothing like the fashion in which they competed for home loans in 1982, when they took 36 per cent of the business.

On the other hand hand, the demand for money for council house purchases – which numbered about 80,000 in 1983 – is expected to level off, However, the increase in general economic activity is already being reflected in a push towards buying more expensive homes, even though the current high level of house-building may be pegged back a little in 1984.

Having virtually been trying to pull people off the streets to borrow in 1981 and in the first part of 1982, the societies saw November of the latter year produce a record in terms of new committments, of £1,769m. March this year was a freak £1,905m, but November's was still £1,836m – with demand continuing to grow.

The substantial injection of new funds is undoubtedly a move to cut queues, without necessarily chopping rates – which some leading societies, nevertheless, would like to see fall, as soon as demand looks as though it may be satiated. They insist that, even at 11¼ per cent, their loans are not expensive.

But they have an ulterior motive: to reduce liquidity ratios, so that assets can earn more than they can when placed outside their "home" market. The seasonally-adjusted ratio – which measures liquid against total assets – stood at 18.8 per cent at the end of 1982.

However, with the way things are going, it could fall below its lowest-ever point (of 17.4 per cent) in 1984.

John Lawless

Tax shelters

New Year spree for workshops

An increasing number of people are setting out with New Year's resolutions to buy a small workshop – the sort that qualifies for a 100per cent capital allowance.

The industrial building allowance (IBA) which was introduced by the 1980 Finance Act, has created a thriving market for these tax shelters.

Now there is a list of suitable properties available to investors, accountants, and estate agents for a £10 fee. The IBA register gives outline details of the workshops: inquirers are given the name, address and telephone number of the developer or selling agent so they can negotiate direcrly.

The December list of 136 IBA workshops ranges from a £543,000 complex in Dartford, Kent, with two units of 1,805 sq ft and three units at 2,375 sq ft, to a workshop in Wincanton, Somerset, with two units of 600 sq ft, for £16,250.

The IBA register is published by Mereeoak, Hove, Sussex.

Mr Brett Hoskins, chairman of Mereoak, said that the register was launched because the scramble for tax shelters as the financial year drew to a close meant that some investors had to settle for other schemes because they could not find the time to seek out a suitable workshop.

Expansion

Exotic Airleisure brings bounce to fringe market

One of the strangest beneficiaries of the Government's Business Expansion Scheme is about to make its share debut on one of the City's growing collection of fringe, over-the-counter markets.

Licensed dealers Hill Woolgar is launching Airleisure Products on its over-the-counter market after a successful placing among its 1,000 shareholders.

Whether Airleisure is the sort of company the Government had in mind for the scheme is perhaps a matter for conjecture. Nevertheless, Airleisure meets the scheme's requirements even if it is a colourful venture engaged in fields which must seem strange to many of the investors who brought at least partly for tax reasons, its shares.

The group, trading for less than a year, makes exotic products such as disco bouncers and breaker beds.

Breaker beds. are. inflated dance floors with disco-style colouring and lighting. Aimed at clubs, community centres and hotels this creation is designed for aerobic exercies

A disco bouncer is a portable contraption on which youngsters combine dance with bouncing.

Investors who have acquired share through the Hill Woolgar placing at 58p each should qualify for the scheme's tax benefits which could reduce the cost of a £10,000 investment to £4,000. But they must hang on to their shares for five years.

Airleisure is the creation of Mr Michael Cooper, aged 43, who used to run discos and nightclubs. He has a five-year service agreement at £27,500 a year and will collect 5 per cent commission when profits top £400,000. His wife Suzanne, the adminstration director, has a five year £15,000 a year service contract.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¼%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¾%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

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RUGBY UNION

Insult of old score added to their newly injured pride has Bristol bristling

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Bristol, the John Player Cup holders, having overcome an *indifferent start to the season, can* this afternoon put an unbeaten month behind them as they face 1984. Standing in their way at the Memorial *Ground are* Llanelli, who are looking for a double after *defeating Bristol 33–0 in October* at stradey Park.

There may be an element of *injured pride working* on Bristol's behalf. Forty-seven players will gather at Twickenham next Saturday for the England trial and only two of *them*, Barnes at stand-off half and Kibbs at centre, are from *Britol*. Knibbs is a replacement, a status not accorded to Hesford, the No 8, who returns against Llanelli aftr recovering from a shoulder injured in the *victory over Leicester a fortnight ago.*

Llanelli bring a reserve front *row across* the Severn Bridge, husbanding their resources for the meeting with Newport on Monday. They have rested Douglas today and give Griffiths, a Welsh Youth *cap* last season, a game at scrum half; but their back division includes four capped players in Gravell, Morgan, Donavan and Pearce.

Fielding seriously weakened teams because of trial demands are Gloucester, Bath and Leicester, who have potentially demanding games today. Gloucester, *beaten by Lydney over* Christmas, travel to Bridgend with Sargent, Blakeway and Orwin restored to their pack; Bath, who are at home to *Northampton, restore* Trevaskis to the left wing and play *Redman, the England* colt, at lock.

Northampton will be without Caplan at full back and Worrall at scrum half: both are injured. With Field, their second team scrum half, playing for Midland *Colts, they have recalled Page*, the former England scrum half, who wears his 36 years lightly in the service of his club's third team.

Pontypool lock sent off

Pontypool's disciplinary record this season declined further yesterday *when* Kevin Moseley, their lock, was sent off during the 34-13 victory over Newbridge at the Welfare Ground. Moseley, aged 20, was dismissed *after only six minutes* by Derek Bevan, the Welsh referee whose handling of the game *between* the Midlands *and* the New Zealanders last month attracted considerable praise.

Moseley's offence was dangerous use *of the boot* following a lineout. In the same match Perkins, Pontypool's international lock, was returning after a month's suspension *and a third forward*, Steve Jones, has also been sent off this season. The win increases Pontypool's lead at the top of the Welsh merit tabel.

Gloucester have seven players in the trial, Bath four and Leicester six, one of whom, Woodward, will *not be playing* in the televised game at Old Deer Park against London Welsh. The England centre aggravated a leg strain during Leicester's midweek win over Barbarians and will be replaced in an otherwise unchanged side by Hall. The Welsh have Rees, their international left wing, back after a skiing holiday and *Bowring, a new Barbarian, in* their back row.

Rosslyn Park are without an entire first-choice back row for their New Year programme against Bedford today and unbeaten Wasps on Monday. Ripley, Montgomery and Allchurch, the captain, are injured or *unavailable; so is* Jermyn, the stand-off. Their places go to four newcomers to senior rugby, which suggests Park will have to play very well *if they are to match* their draw against Wasps at the beginning of this month. *Melville, the* Wasps captain, will appear again for the second team *against* Stockwood Park today and will make his first senior *appearance of an injury-plagued* season on Monday.

There are two London derbies today: Harlequins at home to London Scottish and *Richmond at home to Saracens*. Richmond will be without Jameson, their South *African* scrum half, and Evans, their injured hooker, whose place goes to Roland, a debutant.

Midlands derby brings together Nottingham and Nuneaton and could ensure for Nottingham, the host club, a place *in the top five of the* merit table and automatic inclusion in next season's John Player Cup third round. Nottingham have beaten Moseley, *Bedford and Rugby* and drawn with Coventry.



Page *turns* over an old leaf today for Northampton

Romanian acceptance

According to a reliable source in Bucharest Romania have accepted England's invitation for a game at Twickenham on January 5, 1985 (Chris Thua writes). The letter of acceptance was sent several days ago but it has yet reached RFU's headquarters at Twickenham.

The enormous volume of mail handled by both Romanian and British post offices during this *period of* the year was bound to create delays. The Romanians have *said that they cannot afford to reject* England's invitation the last of the *four home unions to have decided* to play against them. But I understood that they *streped that* Romania would need four of five warm up games before the international.

Their initial reluctance to accept *RFU's* invitation was the result of adverse climatic conditions which forced the Romanians as well as many other Continental sides to split their domestic season into two halves. In fact there was no rugby game in Romania since late November when the country was covered in snow.

'Foreign Legion' upsets French club officials

A wave of foreign players has invaded the French shores during the past two seasons. There should be nothing unusual in it, since rugby football is a touring game and players might decide to spend a *season or two in another country* after a tour; but the unprecedented magnitude has upset some club officials in France.

The *French* championship is highly competitive and the issue of imported players has led to bitter exchanges. Even the president of the French Federation, Albert Ferrasse, said that the regulations concerning the licensing of foreign players in France will have to be tightened.

The "foreign legion" come from a variety *of places, like* the Ivory Coast, Poland, Morocco, South Africa, New Zealand, Romania, England, Wales and Sri Lanka. Those from Romania and Poland are *mainly defectors* who have settled in France for good but many *from the West are simply recruited* by some club presidents wanting to improve overall performance. At the top of the market are the big lock forwards, followed closely by kickers and scrum halves.

According to the licensing regulations of the French Federation, a foreign player wishing to play *for* a French club needs to be issued with a red, yellow or green *licence. The green card is the most* sought after since it allows the *holder to play without restrictions.* The red one concerns mainly foreign internationals who are confined for their first season in France to second or third teams. In the second season they can change their licence from red to yellow, *(only three yellow licences are* allowed for each club), and in the *third season they can acquire a* green card.

So, paradoxically, while the former Ireland No 8, Donal Spring, cannot play for the first team of his club, Bagnères, this season, the All Blacks full back, Robbie Deans, has already played for Grenoble's first team. The difference was in the *timing of their requests for a licence.* When Spring joined Bagnères he *had played for* Ireland: Deans signed for Grenoble before the recent tour of the All Blacks when he was still, technically, uncapped.

Many clubs have exceeded their *allowed* quota of three foreign players. This can be achieved either *after some of* their players have become naturalized or by offering *those who become redundant a free* transfer. Carcassonne, who are *struggling at the bottom of the third* division, have transferred their Australian prop, Peter Hoy, to a junior club to accommodate two huge South African locks, Reitz and Hugo, who arrived recently. Their third foreigner is the New Zealander, McKean, at prop.

Marignac have recruited three *South Africans* without much success, having managed to win only *one game so far*. The second division club, Fumel, were luckier and the arrival of *their* three South Africans gave them the much-needed boost to win three games in a row. However, foreign players have tended to provide only a limited impact on performances of their French clubs. The first division club, Bourg, has dismissed all their New Zealand guests, Dixon, Drake and Collinson, after the club president Michel Pomathios, *complained about* "the difficulties to resettle professionally and socially players from the other *end of the* world".

Chris Thau

YACHTING

Condor is winner after a protest

Hobart, (Reuter) – The British-owned yacht Condor was declared winner of line *honours* in the Sydney to Hobart ocean race yesterday after the American yacht Nirvana was disqualified for crowding Condor near the finish. It was the first time in the race's 38-year *history* that the line honours winner has been disqualified.

A protest jury found that Nirvana failed to give Condor sufficient room as the two yachts swept toward the finish line. Condor ran aground just as it was gaining an edge on Nirvana, which sailed on to cross the line first.

Bob Bell, the Englishman who owns the Bermuda-entered Condor, said he was disappointed to win in such a manner but maintained that Nirvana deliberately forced his boat aground.

"It is much better to decide things like this on the race course" Bell said. "Unfortunately at this level of racing – and it's shown in the *America's cup often* – these things do happen."

Videotape shots *from television* network showed crowding as the two yachts *headed the* 170-strong fleet at the end of the race.

Condor led for most of the 638-mile *race* but Nirvana snatched the lead in the Derwent River estuary then Condor caught a shift in breeze six miles from the finish.

According to the jury, Condor had safely established an overlap on *Nirvana and was moving faster.* But when Condor hailed for water room *under yacht racing rules* Nirvana continued to hold a course closing *on the shore.*

When Condor hailed again, Nirvana started *to pull away but* Bell's yacht struck the bottom and the crew had to use a pole to push the boat clear. There was also minor contact between the two yachts.

The overall winner on handicap was Challenge II, from Victoria.

It was not until 3.15 yesterday afternoon, that all three members of the British *Southern Cross Cup* team had finished the race, and retained their third place as a team, behind New *Zealand* and New South Wales. It was however an anxious wait by Panda and Indulgence, who finished at 6.16 and 6.56 in the morning, for Jade, who didn't cross the line until 12 minutes after three in the afternoon. When handicaps had been calculated the British team were placed 12th, 13th and 25th, which was *sufficient to keep them* two points ahead of Hong Kong

The British performance was very disappointing. It seems that Jade, the smallest yacht of the three, lost ground on the first night out of Sydney, and was never able to make up the deficit.

SOUTHERN CROSS CUP: 1, New Zealand 531 points; 2, New South Wales 490 pts; 3, Britain 384 pts.

SYDNEY – HOBART RACE: Line Honours: 1, Condor (Bermuda); 2, Apollo (Australia); 3, Vengeance (Australia). *Handicap Results:* 1, Challenge II (Australia); 2, Once More Dear Friends (Australia); 3, Szechwan (Australia).

Gordon Allan

1984: The end of civilization as we know it

I think that *1984 is going to* be the worst year sport has ever had. In fact, it would not surprise me if organized sport came to an end altogether: and in saying that, I am trying my hardest to look on the bright side, bearing in mind that many peculiar people feel you should make supreme efforts to do so at this time of year, even if you have spent the previous 30 weeks on a bed of nails.

Now it is no use pooh-poohing my prediction because you think football is immortal. *Football, the world game*, is in as much danger of extinction as croquet. It might not be such a bad thing if football did come to an end. For what makes up *football as we know it?* Dull play that often becomes duller *the nearer it approaches* international level; players who believe they see gods when they look in the mirror; and supporters whose hobbies include terrorizing town centres, smashing trains, and putting supporters of the *other* team in hospital, if not the mortury.

Despondency

For a long time, fewer and fewer people have been going to matches. By next Christmas, according to my crystal ball, nobody will be going at all.

Imagine it – and sages have imagined far worse and lived to see their nightmares become reality. Old Trafford empty on a Saturday afternoon when *Manchester* United were supposed to be playing Liverpool. Seats rusting. Weeds sprouting. Manager, chairman, directors and players in the dole quete. Bankruptcy. Perhaps a suicide. Developers moving in. Pitch and stands vanishing. Supermarkets, office blocks and mult-storey car parks rising over the old playground of Duncan Edwards and George Best.

For *Manchester United* read Didcot Athletic, High Littleton Rovers, or any club you like. Fantasy? Just you wait, as Eliza said to 'Enry 'Iggins.

In the bud of rugby union, the worm is already at work. If the professional circus comes to town, England will have difficulty in raising a team. The selectors will be driven to watching clubs they never knew existed. Second XV players will find themselves turning out against Sutton and Epsom one week and Wales the next. In a frantic attempt to bolster finances, revive morale and *restore faith in the game*, the RFU may melt down the *Calcutta Cup to make coins*, transfer all Hospital Cup matches to Twickenham, and open 12 more bars ther. But even that may not be enough.

Did I hear you say cricket is safe? Far be it from me to spread alarm and despondency, but its administrators have no *conception of the crises ahead*. I can reveal exclusively that during 1984 *they will yearn for* the good old days of bodyline and Kerry Packer. West Indies may pick eight fast bowlers against England instead of four – *that is, if the Test matches* take place, which I doubt. Lord's may have *to be sold to* the House of Fraser, MCC reconstituted as Marylebone Credit Cards, and *Wisden* taken ovey by Mills & Boon.

Over *the Olympic* Games hangs a mushoom cloud of potential disaster – and that is the hopeful view. Los Angeles could be to the third world war what Sarajevo was to the first. If a shot rings round the world again, it will not have been fired by a gentleman in a blazer pointing a starting-pistol at the sky.

The parades next summer will not be *of athletes. In the* Olympic village, *civilization* will make its last stand. Sandpits will be converted into trenches, running shoes exchanged for jackboots, javelins and hammers used as weapons, and the International Olympic Committee superseded by the United Nations.

Calamitous

Distressing though it is to be an unrelieved Jeremiah, I have left to the end one of the most calamitous aspects of 1984, *if* the worst should come to the worst, as I believe it will. I refer to the unavoidable disappearance of living sport from *television* and the newspapers. The populace will then have nothing to watch, read or discuss.

I weep for them. What will they do *instead? They seem* unlikely to switch on programmes about philosophy or start taking *The Times Literary Supplement*. I suppose they will have to be content with nightly repeats of the 1966 World Cup final and with looking up yellowing old sports pages in public libraries.

In the words of *the Noel* Coward song, we can all look forward to despair.

Unit Trust Prices - change on the week

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		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3P 3DN.		01-628 8011	
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FOOTBALL

Is it time for a twist in the modern tale of New Year?

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The ending of a modern Christmas tale is growing increasingly familiar. The club that decorates the top of the first division tree over the festive period have, on eight occasions in the last 11 years, finished the season by wearing the League crown. The only exceptions were Everton in 1975, Ipswich Town in 1977 and Manchester United in 1982.

The new rule was started by Liverpool, who have yet to break it. But apart from last year, when they were five points clear, their lead has been insubstantial. So it is now, and when the new year dawns Manchester United may be standing alongside them both at Anfield and at the head of the table.

Liverpool are to close the old year, in which they have suffered only eight League defeats, at Nottingham Forest where the last five visitors have conceded 16 goals, scored three and left empty-handed. Indeed, since losing to Southampton on the opening day, Forest have dropped a mere four points at home and have recently risen into contention themselves.

Liverpool, playing their sixth game in a fortnight, keep the same line-up as usual, even though Robinson has recovered from an ankle injury. Forest are also at full strength, but Brian Clough is expected to recall Todd, aged 35 and idle for the last six weeks, in place of Gunn at the heart of the defence.

United, whose championship lights began to dim at the same time last year, have yet to win a holiday fixture and are again unlikely to risk Robson this afternoon. Yet Stoke City, now led by a former Old Trafford favourite in McIlroy, have not won away so far this season and lie above only Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Not surprisingly during such a hectic week, injuries are hampering all of their genuine rivals. Southampton, in third place and unbeaten this month, have doubts about Curtis and Mills for their visit to Highbury. Lawrie McMenemy, a possible candidate for Arsenal's managerial vacancy, stresses the importance of "being in the frame by January. This is the time that shows which clubs have the strength to challenge seriously".

Those missing at Upton Park could form a stronger side than either of those that will be present. Although West Ham United's leading goalscorer, Swindlehurst, is available after suspension, they are without Bonds, Allen, Goddard and Pike. Tottenham Hotspur's position, both on and off the pitch, is even worse.

Their casualties include Hoddle, Brazil, Hughton, Galvin, Mabbutt and Miller as well as Roberts, who starts his suspension. Keith Burkinshaw has brought in Bowen, aged 20, and Webster, aged 19 and the twentyfourth player to be used since the middle of August.

Luton Town could be without Stephens and Aylott, both hurt during the defeat by West Ham on Tuesday, as well as Moss and Bunn at Sunderland. Although Hunt and Adams are back for Coventry City, the continuing absences of Gibson and Bamber may be more significant in their game at Everton.

The second division leaders may also be caught, and overtaken, even earlier. Chelsea have seen the gap between them and Sheffield Wednesday reduced from six to two within a couple of days. They will aim to beat Brighton in the morning and then trust that Carlisle United can stretch their successful run to six matches against Wednesday in the afternoon.

Change that is no good for the rest

By Hugh Taylor

At Ibrox, Jock Wallace has staged one of the most spectacular transformations Scottish football has seen. In just six weeks, the new manager has turned Rangers from a team who has become the butt of pantomime comedians into a force once again respected and feared by all.

Five successive victories in the premier division testify to the success of Wallace's methods. While the big man, who barks commands like a sergeant-major, is pleased with the change to such an extent that he is confident Rangers can win one of the two cups this season, he realizes the team's real tests are yet to come.

"The start of the New Year will let me know whether we are men again, or still just boys," Wallace says. In quick succession, Rangers face Celtic, Aberdeen, and Dundee United in the premier division, and meet Feyenoord in a practice match.

"These clubs," Wallace says, "are among the best in Europe. Not until we've played them will I know whether I have a team who will really satisfy me. But we've made a good start, and I know we have good quality players at Ibrox who have found their ambition again."

Wallace must today make a major selection decision. His dilemma comes with the return of McAdam and Redford, who have been injured but are ready for the match with St Mirren at Ibrox. However, their deputies Paterson and Prytz played well against Dundee and Hibernian and the manager has to ponder the wisdom of changing a winning team.

St Mirren, who are managed by Alec Miller, once a player with the Rangers team which Wallace led so successfully in his first spell at Ibrox, will provide strong resistance. But they lack sharpness in attack, and there should be no interruption of the home side's winning sequence.

Celtic, strengthened by the return of the elegant Burns after suspension, can earn the two points they so badly need at Easter Road to keep in touch with Aberdeen, the league leaders, as Hibernian have failed recently to maintain the pleasing form of last month.

Aberdeen, for their home game with Dundee at Pittodrie, may be without their international centre half, McLeish, who is injured. Yet their majestic march favours the championship is unlikely to be halted by lacklustre Dundee, who have still to respond to the coaching of their new manager, Archie Knox, who was Alec Ferguson's assistant at Aberdeen.

St Johnstone, who have surprised everyone with an energetic fight-back, should beat a Heart of Midlothian side whose early season sparkle has vanished. Dundee United, having recovered their confidence after an embarrassing decline in form, are firm favourites to beat Motherwell at Tannadice.

● The Scottish League will issue their half-yearly attendance figures within the next fortnight and expect that they will reveal an improvement in gates.

The premier division, now in its eighth season, is proving especially successful. Almost 1,120,000 people have watched 90 premier division matches so far, compared with a season's total of 1,859,856 for 1982-83. For the first time in four seasons, the Scottish League anticipate a figure well in excess of two-million for the season.

The League secretary, Jim Farry, said: "We appear to be about five per cent up on last season's figures and that is a significant achievement in the current economic climate." Average gates for the premier division matches rose by 100,000.

Comeback delay for Cowans

Gordon Cowans was told yesterday that his leg will remain in plaster for another month and he is now unlikely to play before the end of the season.

The Aston Villa and England midfield player, who suffered a double fracture in a pre-season match in Spain, was hoping to have the plaster removed yesterday.

It is the second time that Cowans has had to postpone his comeback. Last month he was hoping to have the cast taken off but one of his bones had not set correctly and he has been receiving electrical treatment to help knit the bones. Doctors said yesterday that one of his bones had still not mended properly.

● Wigan Athletic's attempts to sign the former Manchester United winger Steve Coppell, as a co-manager have suffered a setback. Coppell, whose footballing career was cut short by a knee injury, has opted for a temporary spell on the continent learning coaching and management techniques.

Wigan say it will be three months at the latest before Coppell will discuss the idea again. The club's chairman, Brian Heathcote, is still confident that Coppell will begin his management career at Springfield Park. "He has already said that he would have snapped up our offer if it had come three weeks earlier, so we are prepared to wait," he said.



Cowans: Still in plaster

● The mayor of Darlington made a successful eleventh hour intervention yesterday in the bitter rent wrangle between Darlington Football Club and their landlords, Darlington Cricket Club. The mayor, Counsellor Jim Skinner, offered himself as peace maker in an attempt to keep League football in the town. His move came after the chairman of the cricket club, Mr Brian Johnson, had said that the football club would be trespassing if any of their members were found at Feethams after midnight tonight, the deadline for agreement on a new lease.

Mr Johnson said: "If the football club sign and seal the new lease we have given them, that will be an end to the conflict. If they don't, they will lose their legal right to occupy the ground." The mayor immediately threw into doubt Darlington's home game against Peterborough on Monday and the future of the club appeared to depend on payment of further £660 a year.

The football club chairman, Ken Warne, who said on Tuesday that he had made his final offer, emerged from a compromise meeting yesterday with the mayor to announce: "There will be football against Peterborough on Monday."

● A minute's silence will be observed before the Tottenham-Watford match at White Hart Lane on Monday in memory of Peter Southey, Spurs' reserve defender, who died on Wednesday after a long illness. Southey, who would have been 22 on January 4, had been a professional since 1979 and made one first team appearance.

BASKETBALL



Sandwich course: Callandrillo of Bracknell is caught between Pramiere (centre) and D'Antoni of Milan (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Bracknell's replay in vain

By Nicholas Harling

England were left with only one club in the last four of the men's world invitation club championship, sponsored by Philips, after the defeat of Bracknell Pirates and Austin Rover Sunderland at Crystal Palace yesterday.

Sunderland went out to the holders, Maccabi Tel Aviv, in the quarter-finals after Bracknell had lost for the second day running to Simac Milan, a first round match which was replayed after the Berkshire club had appealed that Milan's 88-86 victory on Thursday was completed with an illegal throw in the last second.

At the second time of asking Bracknell could have no complaints and nor did they after losing 109-96 to the second seeds. Milan, who had at first refused to replay the game only to have second thoughts after being told they would be defaulted, were virtually always in control. The only time they seemed in danger of surprise exit was in the opening 90 seconds when they conceded the first six points and Mike D'Antoni, their American, committed three fouls.

D'Antoni, the central figure in Thursday's controversy, was rested for a period but then came off the bench to make a major contribution to his sides success, finding the gaps in Bracknell's defence to surprise colleagues with penetrating passes and scored 14 points.

Although Lamperti and Meneghin were fouled out, Meneghin after earning himself a technical foul for shouting at an official and being provoked into a final offence by Bowden, Milan safely withstood Bracknell's second half rally. Callandrillo, almost singlehanded, reduced Bracknell's 16-points deficit to five but Milan's overall shooting was far superior. Bracknell could have done with more of the previous day's inspiration of Balogun and extra consistency from Keenan.

Antoine Carr, Milan's second American, sat out the game. As he had not been on the score sheet for the original tie because his flight from Wichita had been delayed, the technical committee said that he could not figure in the replay. Milan reluctantly agreed, although the player was stripped and apparently ready for action in size 15 shoes that had been provided by Harry Smith, the chairman of Solent Stars, who are not playing in the tournament because they could not meet the qualifying conditions.

Carr had mislaid his own shoes but Smith cannot have been pleased to learn that the player was not allowed on court, having driven up from the south coast with the footwear, which belong to Tony Watson, one of his players. After being refused entry to the National Recreation Centre unless he paid, Smith left the shoes at the door.

MEN: First round: Maccabi Tel Aviv 100 (Berkowitz 30, Brikowski 15), Werkendam (Neth) 75 (Wright 23, Vdlag 12); Crystal Palace 97 (Kellerman 25, Spaid 18), Lech Poznan (Pol) 74 (Jechorek 23, Mulak 19); Athletes in Action (US) 106 (Owens 38, Dalph 28), Hemel Hempstead 91 (Smith 40, Knuckles 18, Sewell 17). Quarter-final replay: Simac Milan 109 (Premier 29, Barivira 28), Bracknell Pirates 96 (Callandrillo 39, Balogun 20).
WOMEN: Group A: Crystal Palace 61, Chung Hua (Taiwan) 82; Chung Hua 94, Lech Poznan 76. Crystal Palace 65, Lech Poznan 79; Burgerland 73, Hemel Hempstead 38. Group B: Klosterneuberg (Austria) 78, Leverkusen (WG) 47; Red Star Belgrade 88, Brighton 34; Edinburgh 67, Brighton 41; Leverkusen 71, Brighton 49.
JUNIOR MEN: First group: Brighton 89, Edinburgh 78; Red Star Belgrade 101, Lech Poznan 65; Red Star Belgrade 129, Brighton 53. Second group: Hemel Hempstead 73, Warrington 81; Leverkusen 68, Hemel Hempstead 86; Crystal Palace 91, Warrington 61.

IN BRIEF

Citizen La Rocca has cause to celebrate

Capo D'Orlando (Reuter) – Nino La Rocca celebrated the attainment of Italian citizenship and enhanced his claim for a world title chance by knocking out an American, Jack Torrance, in the first round of their welterweight boxing contest here. The African-born La Rocca never allowed his opponent to land a punch and sent him sprawling after only two minutes in the ring.

Skiing: A men's World Cup downhill race scheduled for Morzine on January 7 has been transferred to Laax, Switzerland, because of a lack of snow. A men's slalom events scheduled scheduled for the following day has been retained at Morzine for the time being. Laax, in east Switzerland, last staged a World Cup race in 1978.

RIFLE SHOOTING: The Great Britain rifle team fly from Gatwick tomorrow for a seven-week tour of Australia and New Zealand. The tour will start with three weeks in New Zealand where they will compete in the New Zealand national championships, followed by an international against New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

GOLF: Patty Sheehan, with a round of 64 (eight under par), moved to within three strokes of the leader, Johnny Miller, after two rounds of the Spalding invitation tournament at Pebble Beach, California. Miller, with a 68 on the old Del Monte course, had a 36-hole total of 132. Sheehan, Eric Batten and Bob Gilder were tied for second place at 135, a stroke ahead of Bob Eastwood.

RUGBY LEAGUE: The draw for the preliminary and first rounds of the Rugby League Challenge Cup will be made during the BBC television Grandstand programme on January 7, at 1.45. The final at Wembley, which carries sponsorship money of £120,000, will be played on May 5.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Peace pact enhances title chances

By Keith Macklin

The New Year brings the long run-in for the championship and Bradford Northern, having stumbled badly against Widnes, have made peace with Ellery Hanley, their brilliant international half back, to help their championship prospects. Tomorrow they play Castleford, also ambitious for the title, and also without some of their free-scoring half back Robert Beardmore back after injury.

Widnes are the form team and they travel to St Helens expecting to maintain their long run of success over the Saints in important fixtures. St Helens may have their international hooker Liptrot back in action after injury. Widnes bring in Prescott for the suspended O'Neill, and the promising young full back Lyon continues in place of the injured Burke.

Wigan travel to Warrington hoping to win at last after losing the last five games at Wilderspool, while Leigh welcome Lewis, the charismatic Australian to Hilton Park, but will grant Wakefield Trinity few favours. Fulham wait until Monday for their New Year fixture, and bring back their half back Crossley for the relegation match at Salford.

In the second division the leaders Barrow wait until Monday for their home game with Blackpool Borough. Kent Invicta travel to Keighley and Cardiff City face the improving Rochdale Hornets.

● The Castleford wing, Terry Richardson, is to sign for second division Kent Invicta on a month's loan and is likely to play at Rochdale on January 8.

● The Oldham and Great Britain loose forward, Terry Flanagan, has been reinstated as club captain, in succession to the hooker, Alan McCurrie.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

HOBART: Sheffield Shield: Victoria 89 (Williams 4 for 84, Blizzard 3 for 21); Tasmania 35-3.

GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH: Spalding Invitation Tournament: Second round: (all US): 132: J Miller, 64, 68. 135: E Batten, 69, 66; P Sheehan, 71, 64; R Gilder, 69, 66. 136: R Eastwood, 67, 69. 137: A North, 71, 66; C Stadler, 69, 68; M Brannan, 65, 72; R Clampett, 68, 69. 139: C Roderick, 73, 66; M Gove, 69, 70. 140: L Small, 70, 70; G Archer, 67, 73; L Hinkle, 69, 71; J Mahaffey, 69, 71; P Lindsay, 72, 68. GB placing: 141: P Oosterhuis, 70, 71.

BASKETBALL

ASSOCIATION: Cleveland Cavaliers 88, Atlanta Hawks 77; Houston Rockets 107, Boston Celtics 94; Chicago Bulls 100, Portland Bill Blazers 99; San Antonio Spurs 138, Kansas City Kings 127; Denver Nuggets 101, Philadelphia 76ers 89.

CYCLING

COLOGNE: Six-day race, third day: 1, J Kristen (WG) and R Pijnen (Neth), 166 pts; 2, D Thorau and A Fritz (WG), 126. One lap behind: 3, H Schütz (WG) and R Dill-Bundi (Switz), 245.

FOOTBALL

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Hampton 1, Wembley 4; Tooting & Mitcham 1, Welling 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Welling 2, Cambridge United 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Detroit Red Wings 6, New Jersey Devils 1; Buffalo Sabres 8, Quebec Nordiques 5; St Louis Blues 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 1.

CALGARY: Exhibition Match: Canadian Olympic Squad 2, Soviet Union 4.

NORDIC SKIING

OBERWIESENTHAL: Combined Cup: 15km Cross Country: 1, A Langer (EG), 45min 43.0sec; 2, I Garifulin (USSR), 46:19.6; 3, A Prosvirnin (USSR), 46:51.3. Overall World Cup Second Leg: 1, Langer, 435.300pts; 2, Prosvirnin, 427.855; 3, Dotzauer (EG), 422.020. Overall World Cup: 1, Dotzauer, 40pts; 2, Langer, 32; 3, G Schmieder (EG), 27.
CORK: Irish International Tournament: Burgerland Dublin 67, Warrington FSO Cars 65.

SKI JUMPING

OBERSTDORF: Four hills competition: 1, K Ostwald (EG), 220.7 pts; 2, J Weissflog (EG), 213.5; 3, O Finjestoel (Nor), 199.4; 4, M Nykaenen (Fin), 199.4; 5, A Felder (Austria), 198.1; 6, T Klauser (WG), 197.2; 7, R Ruud (Nor), 196.5; 8, M Deckert (EG), 195.9; 9, P Fijas (Pol), 195.5; 10, H Freitag (EG), 195.6; 11, P Ploc (Cz), 194.5; 12, F Wiegele (Austria), 194; 13, P Kokkonen (Fin), 192.8; 14, J Hastings (US), 188.9; 15, M Buse (EG), 188.4. Overall World Cup positions: 1, Nykaenen, 83 pts; 2, Hastings, 59; 3, P Ulaga (Yug), 57.4; 4, H Bulau (Can), 55.5; 5, V Opaas (Nor), 54.

BOXING

CAPO D'ORLANDO: Sicily: Welterweight: Nino La Rocca (It) bt Jack Torrance (US), ko, 1st. Middleweight: Louis Acaries (Fr) bt Larry Ray Ford (US), rsf, 7th.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Newbridge 13, Pontypool 34.

BOBSLEIGH

KONIGSEE: Nations Cup: two-man event: 1, W Hoppe and D Schauerhammer (EG), 1 min 42.33 sec; 2, B Lehmann and B Musiol (EG), 1:42.81; 3, B Gerneshausen and H-J Gerhardt (EG), 1:42.87; 4, A Fischer and F Niessner (WG), 1:43.43; 5, A Weikenstorfer and H-J Hartmann (WG), 1:43.95

MOTOR RALLYING: The Automobile Club of Monaco have announced the leading teams entered for the 52nd Monte Carlo Rally, the first round of the 1984 World Rally Championship, on January 22-28:

W Rohrl and C. Geistdorfer (WG, Audi Quattro); H Mikkola and A Hertz (Fin, Audi Quattro); S Blomqvist and B Cederberg (Sw, Audi Quattro); M Alen and I Kivimaki (Fin, Lancia Rally); J-C Andruet and S Cresto (Fr-It, Lancia Rally); A Bettega and M Perissinot (It, Lancia Rally); M Biasion and T Siviero (It, Lancia Rally); T Salonen and S Harjanne (Fin, Nissan 240 RS); B Saby and J-M Andrie (Fr, Renault 5 Turbo); J-L Therier and M Vial (Fr, Renault 5 Turbo); S Servia and J Sabater (Sp, Opel Manta); K Grundel and P Diekmann (WG, VW Golf GTI 1.8); A Warmbold and M Feltz (Sw-WG, Mazda 323).

Title bout postponed

Marseilles (AP) – The European heavyweight boxing championship between the holder, Rudi Koopmans, of The Netherlands, and Richard Caramanolis, of France, scheduled for January 12, has been postponed because Koopmans has influenza.

● Paul Hodgkinson, bantamweight, of Kirby and Bob Wells, super heavyweight (Kingston), make their full England debuts in the amateur international against Ireland at Bletchley on January 6. Both are late replacements.

CRICKET

Imran holds the fort in the siege of Melbourne

From Ian Brayshaw, Melbourne

Pakistan staged an admirable rearguard action throughout the final day to save the fourth test match here yesterday, doing just as the Australians had done on the final day of the third Test. Imran Khan was again Pakistan's inspiration – he finished the day 72 not out.

Pakistan resumed at 38 for three still 47 runs in arrears, but showed courage and concentration to prevent their opponents from gaining a decisive 2-0 lead in the series. At one stage in the day's play Pakistan were under siege. By the time the game ended, however, they were in command at 238 for seven, and his faithful lieutenant, Sarfraz Nawaz, occupying the crease.

In the morning the night watchman, Abdul Qadir, scored only 12 runs but the 76 minutes of defiance. However, 10 minutes before lunch, Mudassar followed Qadir to the pavilion (the victim of a "grubber") and Pakistan were 81 for five.

But this brought together Zaheer Abbas and Imran and their partnership of 79 was enough for Pakistan to recover. Zaheer had just reached his second half-century of the series before the off spinner, Matthews, chose to make a rare sortie around the wicket. He straightened one back savagely, it went through the "gate" and Zaheer was out.

For an over and a half Matthews put the new batsman, Salim Malik, under the severest pressure. Then, unaccountably, he reverted to bowling over the wicket and the spell was broken.

Imran, had come into the Pakistan side amid controversy. Unable to bowl, he had to prove himself by his batting skills alone.



Imran: answered critics

He answered his critics in the best possible manner – with two significant innings.

He followed a most meritorious 83 in the first innings with another knock of the highest standard. When he scored the sixty-fourth of his runs, he became only the fifth player in Test history to score 2,000 runs and take 200 wickets.

There were several times during the day when Australia's tactics were questionable. To start with, Hughes set very defensive fields.

The task of chiselling out the Pakistani batsmen was arduous, but, throughout, Hughes was reluctant to attempt the unpredictable and no Australiam bowler over tried to "buy" the wicket that might have won the game.

In extremely hot and humid conditions, that would not have been easy for any fast bowler, let alone one who is 34 years old and playing his sixty-ninth Test – but Lillie stood out as Australia's best bowler, taking three for 71. He looked the only Australian capable of making a decisive breakthrough although Matthews had a fine debut. He finished with figures of two for 48 after delivering a written apology to the umpire, Crafter, for his display of disgust after being given out in Australia's first innings.

Looking back over the five days of toil which produced this fascinating draw, it can only be said that Pakistan appear to have paid dearly for going into a Test match with only three front-line bowlers.

● After the match, Imran criticized the Melbourne pitch (Reuter reports). "It neutralizes the fast bowlers because the ball stays low and that's not good for cricket. People will be bored with surfaces like this, he said.

PAKISTAN First innings 470 (Mohsin Khan 152, Imran Khan 83).

Second Innings

Mohsin Khan c Hughes b Lillee	3
Mudassar Nazar l-b-w b Matthews	35
Qasim Omar b Lawson	9
Javed Miandad l-b-w b Lillee	11
Abdul Qadir b Lawson	12
Zaheer Abbas b Matthews	50
*Imran Khan not out	72
Salim Malik b Lillee	14
Sarfraz Narwaz not out	11
Extras (b 10, l-b 9, w 2)	21
Total (7 wkts)	238

†Wasim Bari and Azeem Hafeez did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–3, 2–18, 3–37, 4–73, 5–81, 6–160, 7–213.

BOWLING: G F Lawson 21–8–47–2; D K Lillee 29–7–71–3; J N Maguire 12–3–25–0; G R J Matthews 21–8–48–2; A R Border 5–3–9–0; G S Chappell 8–3–13–0; R W Marsh 2–0–3–0; K C Wessels 2–1–2–0.

AUSTRALIA. First innings 555 (G N Yallop 268, K J Hughes 94, G R J Matthews 75; Abdul Qadir 5 for 166).

Umpires: A R Crafter and P McConnell.

An island where barefoot players beat West Indies

Suva (Reuter) – Fiji's cricketers are counting on a combination of jet-lag, hospitality, tropical humidity and coir mats to help them overcome the England cricket team, who arrived yesterday for two one-day games.

The 50-over matches next Tuesday and Wednesday, England's first against the South Pacific islanders, are a prelude to a tour of New Zealand and Pakistan. The games are a daunting prospect for the Fiji amateurs, whose last exposure to Test match standard cricket was in 1981 when a visiting Indian team beat them easily in two one-day games.

The Fiji standard is at about good English club level, but with flashes of erratic brilliance, according to Peter Knight, an English-born lawyer who is secretary of the Fiji Cricket Association.

"We keep reminding the players that in 1956, Fiji beat a visiting West Indies team by scoring 91 runs against their 61. The English players will also be full of Christmas pudding and will be suffering from jet-lag and the tropical heat," Mr Knight said.

Tropical rain and champagne

England's cricketers were greeted by a heavy rainstorm and a fourman band when they arrived in Fiji after a 26-hour flight. There was also a champagne reception to celebrate the arrival of the first England team in 50 years. Bob Willis and his party of 15 soon made for their beds. Their first workout at the nets is tomorrow morning and their opening match is on Monday.

The two games in Lautoka and the capital, Suva, will be played on coir matting, which Mr Knight hopes will give the Fiji President's XI an advantage, albeit a slight one. The team has been drawn from all over Fiji, and is led by Cecil Brown, who is rated as the country's best batsman.

The Fiji Cricket Association hope the games will increase local support for the game. Cricket, though long established, has a small following among the 620,000 population, and lags a long way behind football and rugby. The game has been played here since the 1870s, when the British colonial officials who introduced the game had to order the local chiefs to accept fielding duty. All the chiefs wanted to do was bat and bowl. They left their underlings to do the running around.

A Fijian team toured New Zealand in 1895 and Australia played a game at Suva in 1905 on the way to a tour of England.

England passed through Suva in 1933, but their only match was washed out and 15 years later, the Fijians again toured New Zealand. Fiji cricket's greatest triumph was in 1945, when the West Indies stopped off for a day and went down to a local side playing in bare feet and long white skirts (sulus), the national costume.

Since then, cricket has waxed and waned, partly because of the difficulty of administering the game and getting to matches in a country made up of more than 300 islands. Fiji played in the International Cricket Conference Trophy competition in 1979 and 1982.

King rescues 'rebels' from the bogyman

Cape Town, (Reuter) – Collis King curbed his aggressive instincts and led the rebel West Indian cricketers out of a crisis with a solid innings of 83 against a South African XI here yesterday.

The West Indians collapsed to 49 for five before King started a recovery which lifted them to 252 all out in their first innings just before the close on the opening day of their second four-day match.

King's 181-minute innings was in sharp contrast to his usually flamboyant style and, after surviving a missed chance off Jefferies when his score was two, he put on 107 for the sixth wicket with Murray (39).



King: need for restraint

plunged into trouble after winning the toss when the left arm spinner Kourie took four wickets for nine runs in four overs, including those of Kallicharran for eight and Rowe, the captain's without scoring.

Jefferies, also left-arm, compounded the West Indian's early problems by sending back Mattis cheaply as the first five wickets crashed for 18 after they reached 31 without loss. The touring team's plight would have been worse had King not escaped when he edged a ball from Jefferies just over the shoulder of Fotheringham at short leg.

The King-Murray stand was broken when the West Indian wicketkeeper was trapped leg-before by Rice's sixth ball. This ended King's innings having him caught by Kourie.

The West Indian revival was completed when Julien (33 not out) and Parry (30) put on 64 for the ninth wicket. The touring team

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

E N Trotman c Jennings b Kourie	28
E H Mattis l-b-w b Jefferies	6
M A Lynch c Jennings b Kourie	2
A I Kallicharran c Fotheringham b Kourie	8
C L King c Kourie b Jefferies	83
*L G Rowe c and b Kourie	0
†D A Murray l-b-w b Rice	39
F D Stephenson c Pollock b Kourie	7
B D Julien not out	39
D R Parry c and b le Roux	30
S T Clarke l-b-w b Jefferies	0
Extras (B 7, l-b 6, w 1, n-b 2)	16
Total ( )	252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–31, 2–38, 3–46, 4–49, 5–49, 6–156, 7–183, 8–183, 9–247.

BOWLING: le Roux, 7-6-34-1; Jefferies, 20-5-63-3; Kourie, 22-6-66-5; Hobson, 20-5-49-0; Rice, 8-1-24-1.

SOUTH AFRICAN XI: S J Cook, H R Fotheringham,* P N Kirsten, R G Pollock, K S McEwan, C E B Rice, A J Kourie, G S le Roux, S T Jefferies,† R V Jennings, D Hobson.

Appleyard challenges for a place

Bob Appleyard, the former Yorkshire and England opening bowler, said yesterday that he would challenge for a place on the Yorkshire committee as a Bradford district representative.

He handed in his nomination papers at Headingley and will oppose the current member for Bradford, Robin Feather, chairman of the finance committee and a member of the powerful executive committee.

Appleyard wants to see Yorkshire reach a compromise over the Geoff Boycott affair. He and his group of supporters have put fresh proposals to Yorkshire, but they have been rejected.

He called for the county to adopt a three-year plan which included giving Boycott a contract for next season only. The plan would aim at improving the team's performance, placing the accent on youth, and restructuring the club's rules.

Yorkshire felt that the plan offered little that was new and that it was too fraught with difficulties to succeed. The club also struck off 503 non-paying members: they will not receive voting papers for the special general meeting on January 21.

● Yorkshire are raising their subscription for full members from £27 to £29 for 1984 but those paying by May 31 only need to subscribe £26. Other membership rates rise accordingly and the ground admission charge for the Britannic championship and Benson and Hedges zonal games is increased from £2 to £2.50.

TENNIS

Easy for Miss Brasher

Kate Brasher, the British No 7, won the British Women's Tennis Association's Sun Silk Christmas tournament yesterday for the third time when she defeated Diane Walker, of Middlesex, 6-1, 6-0 (Lewise Mair writes).

The semi-finals in the morning provided Miss Brasher with her one real test of the week. Against Jane Langstaff, of Surrey, she won the first set easily but took 12 games in the second to pin down an opponent who had inspired spells at the net.

Although she is studying history and politics at London University, Miss Brasher hopes to stay in the world rankings, where she is 174th.

She will appear in various satellite events in America and Europe next summer.

Miss Walker's achievement in reaching the final was her best of 1983. She played well to defeat the more experienced Judith Rich in the semi-final.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: K Brasher bt J Langstaff 6-2, 7-5; D Walker bt J Rich 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. Final: Brasher bt Walker 6-1, 6-0.

Building time

Washington (AFP) – Lee Trevino, the third highest money winner in the history of golf, has said that he will be playing fewer tournaments next year.

MOTOR RALLYING

In Thatcher's footsteps

Paris (AFP) – When the sixth Paris to Dakar rally starts off from the Place de la Concorde at daybreak on New Year's Day, it will start a three week national obsession. Internationally, the rally has little standing, although two years ago, it hit the front pages worldwide when Mark Thatcher managed to lose himself and his co-driver in the middle of the Sahara Desert.

Last year, the former Olympic swimmer, Christine Caron did the same trick and was saved only by the hospitality and guidance of desert nomads. The Dutch motorcyclist, Bert Oosterhuis was less fortunate. He was killed after crashing his bike in the desert, and a French journalist died after being knocked over by a lorry.

Incidents such as those have enraged critics of the rally who claim that the event is an ill-afforded luxury, particularly when France is in the middle of a government austerity programme.

In total, 120 motorcycles, 250 cars, 30 lorries and more than 800 competitors will begin the gruelling 7,500 mile haul.

SNOW REPORTS

SWITZERLAND

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Adelboden	10	40	Wet	–	2
Andermatt	60	100	Powdr	–	0
Arosa	50	70	Hard	–	4
Braunwald	15	45	Soft	–	4
Champery	–	40	Soft	–	8
Chateau d'Oex	5	30	Hard	–	1
Davos	30	90	Powdr	–	–1
Disentis	35	100	Powdr	–	2
Engleberg	10	50	Hard	–	1
Grindelwald	5	30	Wet	–	4
Gstaad	10	30	Wet	–	–2
Kandersteg	5	30	Hard	–	1
Klosters	30	90	Powdr	–	2
Laax-Flims	30	90	Powdr	–	4
Lenk	5	40	Soft	–	–3
Lenzerheide	40	60	Powdr	–	–4
Les Diablerets	20	40	Powdr	–	–3
Lysin	10	30	Hard	–	4
Montana	20	80	Powdr	–	2
Mürren	20	40	Powdr	–	6
Pontresina	40	100	Powdr	–	–12
Saas-Fee	30	100	Powdr	–	2
St Gergue	5	20	Wet	–	5
Savognin	30	50	Powdr	–	2
Unterwasser	5	20	Soft	–	0
Verbier	5	60	Powdr	–	6
Villars	10	40	Wet	–	2
Wengen	15	30	Wet	–	3
Zermatt	20	50	Powdr	–	–2

NORWAY

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Finse	–	115	Good	–	–4
Geilo	–	25	Good	–	0
Gol	–	15	Poor	–	–5
Lillehammer	–	15	Poor	–	–6
Norefjell	–	20	Varying	–	–2
Oslo	–	20	Poor	–	–1
Voss	–	40	Good	–	–1

SPAIN

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Baqueira-Beret	–	18	–	–	–
Cerler	35	80	–	–	–
La Molina	–	20	–	–	–
Masella	30	35	–	–	–
San Isidro	30	40	–	–	–
Solynieve	–	170	–	–	–

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RACING: BREGAWN MISSES MANDARIN CHASE TO WAIT FOR BETTER GOING

Observe to be highspot of Francome show

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Observe should win the Tote *Mandarin Steeplechase* at Newbury today now that Michael Dickinson has decided not to run either Bregawn or Silver Buck. Observe will be wearing blinkers for the first time in public because both Fred Winter and John Francome his trainer and jockey, feel that he was "pulling their leg" and not giving his all at Chepstow earlier this month, even though he won that day.

Observe has worn blinkers while jumping the practice fences on the downs above Upper Lambourne and Winter is convinced that they will help him to concentrate and make life easier for Francome.

The distance of today's race will be new to him, but watching him win the Gainsborough steeplechase over three *miles and 118 yards at Sandown* Park last February I got the impression that another furlong and a half ought to be will within his compass.

Approaching is the only member of the filed who has won over today's course and distance, but he is getting a bit *long in the tooth and I doubt* him coping with a horse of Observe's age and class, especially as he will be carrying more than his long handicap weight. Bright Dream and Canford Ginger are also badly handicapped, but talking to Josh Gifford at Chepstow on Tuesday after Royal Judgment ran so well in the Welsh National, I got the firm impression that he expects Bright Dream to run well because of the way that he has been going with Royal Judgment at home recently.

Now that Andrew Turnell's horses have hit form with a vengeance Bishop's Bow could be more of a threat to my selection than Straight Jocelyn who has always given me the impression that he is at his best when racing over two and a half miles.

Gratification (1.0) and Spanish Place (3.0) are other possible winners for Fancome, who is riding as well as at any time in his illustrious career. *Gratification* has won all his races over two miles this season, *but has given* the impression that he will do even better over further and this is precisely what will confront him in Challow Hurdle. He will *need to be at his best to cope* with State Case, Catch Phrase and Aniece.

Spanish Place, my selection for the Wickham Novices Hurdle, had some good performances on the Flat to his *name, as indeed did Orange* Reef. By all accounts both have shown a marked aptitude for jumping at home.

The field for the L'Oreal Handicap Hurdle, includes three who have won it before – Jack *O'Lantern Mr. Moonraker* and Great Light. The latter appears to have the best chance of the three now after that encouraging run at Kempton on Monday. However, I still feel tempted to take a chance with the Imperial Cup winner, Desert Hero, who beat Great Light by five lengths in that race at Sandown. Patrick's Fair was even *further behind in fourth* place.

After falling in two steeplechases this season when in with *a winning chance on each* occasion Desert Hero could *easily benefit from this switch* back to hurdling. Noble Heir, his stable companion, has not run this season, so he could be the one to watch with Schweppes Gold Trophy in mind.

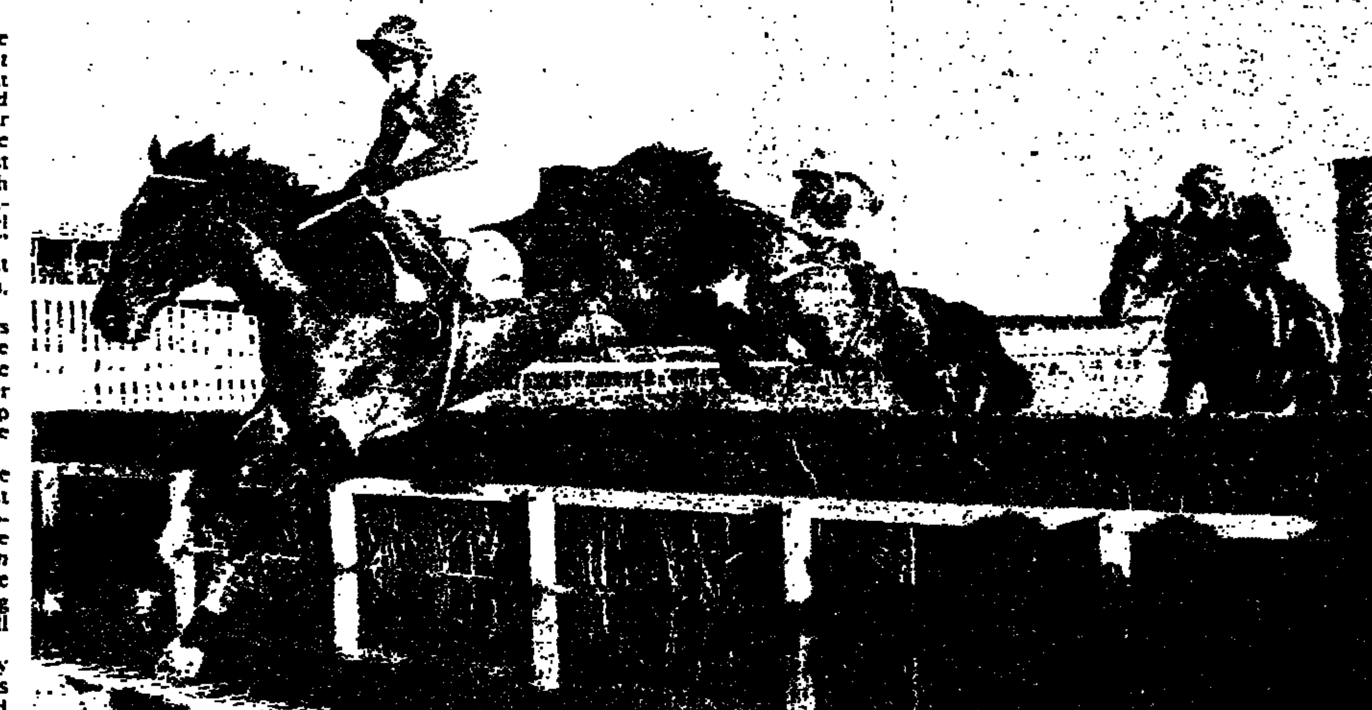
At Newbury yesterday 28 days *of misery* ended for Deavid Nicholson when he watched Burnt Oak win the Weyhill Handicap Steeplechase. For that was how long it had been since he had had his last winner.

Until then everything had been going swimmingly for the Duke – as Nicholas is known affectionately in racing circles – with 18 winners in November. Nicholas was so worried about the drought that he had blood tests taken from a number of horses, but they revealed nothing.

What Burnt Oak showed was the sort of spring-heeled jumping and relentless gallop that will stand him in good stead at Liverpool one day. Whether that crack at the National comes next March or the year *after remains to be decided.*

Hywel Davies is ending the year in a blaze of glory. Yesterday he landed his third double this week by winning on co-member and Alastor O Mavros. But what is one man's good luck is inevitably another's misfortune and in this instance Davies got the opportunity on Alastor O Mavros only because Richard Rowe broke a collar bone falling heavily from Ryedale in the Elcote Park Novices Steeplechase at the beginning of the *afternoon.*

Rowe missed winning the Newtown Novices Hurdle as well on Stray Shot, on whom Graham Bradley proved a stylish substitute. Mark Harrington had an even nastier fall *in the first race on Ballycullo* and he was taken to hospital with a broken leg.



Burnt Oak takes the water jump ahead of Roman Bistro and King Ba Ba on his way to victory at Newbury

Boreen Prince ready to atone

Two of the better fancied Champion Hurdle outsiders, Boreen Prince and Fane Ranger, take one another on over the two and a half miles of the Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown this afternoon (Our Irish Correspondent writes). When they recently met at Naas in the event in which Boreen Deas beat the subsequent Kempton winner, Dawn Run, Fane Ranger finished two places in front of Boreen Prince.

However, he subsequently made heavy weather of winning a conditions hurdle at Navan, and in the belief that Boreen Prince did not produce his true running last time, he is fancied to reverse the form. This he would certainly do if he ran as well as when chasing home Gaye Brief in the Championship Hurdle.

At Fairyhouse yesterday, Waving Diamonds, whose Cheltenham objective is the Sun Alliance Chase, landed the odds in the Farewell Novice Chase. Waving Diamonds was beaten by Blackrath Prince at Limerick on Boxing Day.

Catterick command for Hill's Guard

By Michael Seely

There is relatively moderate fare on offer at Catterick Bridge and Worcester this afternoon after the glut of racing over Christmas. At Catterick the best bet should *be Hill* Guard in the Dick Whittington *Handicap Hurdle.*

Andy Scott, the trainer, has not been *nicknamed* The "Wizard of Wooperton" for nothing. At Wetherby *on Tuesday, Mossmorran* was backed down to 100-30 before winning by five lengths, and at Newcastle, earlier in the month, Hill Guard was the medium of a similarly successful gamble in another handicap. The five-year-old seems to be maintaining the improved form he showed when winning three races last spring, and Hills Guard should prove too good for Ballydurrow and Miss Love.

Two other likely winners are Mr Snugfit in the Scotch Corner Handicap at Catterick, and Clutterbuck, who runs in the second division of the Midnight Novices Hurdle at Worcester. Mick Easterby has already won chases this week with B an K Emperor and Bally-Go and Mr Snugfit can carry on the good work by defying an 8lb penalty for his recent Sedgefield victory.

Clutterbuck is Fred Winter's only runner at Worcester, and the five-year-old should be all the sharper for his recent outing when second to Zircou's Son at Towcester.

Michael Dickinson's decision to withdraw Bregawn from Monday's Courage Cup at Cheltenham as well as from this afternoon's Mandarin Chase at Newbury, has been dictated solely by the state of the going. "Bregawn is 100 per cent", the champion trainer said yesterday. "But don't forget he was plated up and all ready to go at Kempton before I took him out because of the fast ground. I will run him as soon as we have had some more rain."

Midland racegoers, in particular, will be saddened to hear that William "Rip" Bissill died at his home at Aslockton, in Nottinghamshire on Wednesday at the age of 75. One of the great characters of steeplechasing, Mr Bissill was, until recently, a steward at Nottingham.

The Highlights of his professional career were riding the winner of the Liverpool Foxhunters and training Rightun to win the Scottish Grand National in 1937, and Gallery the Welsh National, in 1956. No man had a keener sense of fun or a greater zest for living and Rip Bissill will be sorely missed by his countless friends.

HOCKEY

Time for England to revise their thinking

By Sydney Friskin

After 12 months of unrest brought about by a conflict of interests, the new year dawns with a *feeling of uncertainty for British* hockey. In three weeks' time, at a meeting in Brussels, it will be made known whether Britain have been selected to take part in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles next July.

A British squad consisting of 13 players from England, two from Northern Ireland and one from Scotland went to Hongkong this month, after four months of training under their manager, Roger Self, to play in a ten-nations tournament. They finished fourth, winning only two matches out of six. Mr Self considers the 3-2 victory over Malaysia as a point in favour of *Britain but the 3-2 defeat by South* Korea and the failure to beat any of *the top three sides* (Australia, Pakistan and India) are deterring *factors.*

Although the Hockey Associ*ation, the controllers of the game in* England, are reviewing the scope and purpose of the Great Britain Men's Hockey Board, the damage done in 1983 – the year of dissent – can hardly be repaired. Differences *arose over the question of when* and how the preparation of the British team for the Olympic Games should begin. The Hockey Association created an impasse by refusing to release the England players for training with the British squad until after the European championship in Amsterdam at the end of August.

There followed a rift between the *Hockey* Association and the Southgate club who declined to release *their players for England's training* weekends to concentrate on their own participation in the European club championship in The Hague. So England carried on their preparation for Amsterdam without them. The effect was that England dropped from third to fifth place in Europe. Meanwhile Southgate also failed in their ambition, winning no more than win a bronze medal at The Hague. Amsterdam, in fact, was not a happy hunting ground for teams from the British Isles, with Scotland finishing seventh, Ireland tenth and Wales twelfth.

When the British squad was eventually assembled the field of choice was restricted with the rejection of the entire Welsh side, the weakest for several years. Four Scots, the best of whom were Leiper and McLean, *dropped out and five* Southgate players, Duthie, Craig, Batchelor, Westcott and Kerly, with no international match experience *for 1983, were included.* Batchelor proved the best of them. Someone *should have told them* that if they had any hope of going to Los Angeles they *must first go* to Amsterdam. Had they done so there would have been a stronger England side in Amsterdam and a more *match* worthy British team in Hongkong.

There is not much else to expect in 1984 for England and Scotland beyond the European indoor championship in Edinburgh (February 10 to 12) and the junior European championship next *September* in Italy for which England and Ireland have now qualified. It looks as if the entire machinery in England itself is in need of a complete overhaul. There have been no changes in office since England *were ninth in the World Cup in* Bombay in January 1982 and seventh in the 10 nations tournament in Belgium in Decemger 1982.

World Cup goes West

The Canadian Women's Field Hockey Association have been selected to host the 1986 World Cup tournament which will take place in Vancouver from June 29 to July 12, (Joyce Whitehead writes).

On the domestic front, four of the *five county territorial tournaments* will end today. Essex took a tumble *yesterday in the Eastern section* losing 4-1 to Suffolk, their main *rivals.*

Leicestershire's hopes collapsed *when they lost 0-1 to Nottingham*shire.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNAMENTS: East: Hertfordshire 1, Kent 1; Huntingdonshire 1, Cambridge 0; Suffolk 4, Essex 1; Norfolk 8, Lincolnshire 0; Kent 3, Huntingdonshire 2; Hertfordshire 4, Cambridgeshire 0; Suffolk 3, Norfolk 1; Essex 4, Lincolnshire 0; Midlands: Northamptonshire 1, Bedford College 0; Warwickshire 1, Worcestershire 0; Shropshire 0, Derbyshire 0; Staffordshire 1, Bedfordshire 0; Nottinghamshire 1, Leicestershire 0; Derbyshire 1, Northamptonshire 0; Warwickshire 1, Shropshire 0; Bedford College 3, Worcestershire 0. North: Lancashire Central League 1, Yorkshire 0. Lancashire 1, Cheshire 1; Cumberland 5, Westmorland 0. Sheffield League 2, Manchester 0; Northumberland 0, Durham 0; West: Avon 5, Dorset 1, Cornwall 2, Herefordshire 1; Somerset 1, Devon 0, Gloucestershire 3, Wiltshire 2.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

First division
Arsenal v Southampton
Aston Villa v Q P Rangers
Everton v Coventry
Ipswich v Notts Co
Leicester v West Bromwich
Manchester U v Stoke
Nottingham F v Liverpool
Sunderland v Luton
Watford v Birmingham
West Ham v Tottenham
Wolves v Norwich

Second division
Barnsley v Manchester C
Blackburn v Cambridge U
Carlisle v Sheffield Wed
Charlton v Huddersfield
Chelsea v Brighton (11.30)
Crystal Palace v Shrewsbury
Grimsby v Cardiff
Leeds v Middlesbrough
Oldham v Newcastle
Portsmouth v Fulham
Swansea v Derby

Third division
Bournemouth v Exeter
Brentford v Newport
Burnley v Scunthorpe
Gillingham v Wimbledon
Hull v Port Vale
Lincoln v Bradford C
Oxford U v Orient
Plymouth v Southend
Preston v Walsall
Sheffield U v Bolton
Wigan v Rotherham

Fourth division
Aldershot v Chesterfield
Bristol C v Chester
Bury v York (3.15)
Doncaster v Stockport
Halifax v Blackpool
Hartlepool v Northampton
Hereford v Colchester
Mansfield v Crewe
Peterborough v Swindon
Torquay v Rochdale
Wrexham v Darlington

Scottish premier division
Aberdeen v Dundee
Dundee U v Motherwell
Hibernian v Celtic
Rangers v St Mirren (2.0)
St Johnstone v Hearts

Scottish first division
Brechin v Airdrie
Clyde v Clydebank
Dumbarton v Ayr
Hamilton v Morton
Kilmarnock v Partick
Meadowbank v Alloa (2.0)
Raith v Falkirk

Scottish second division
Albion v Stranraer
Berwick v E Stirling
Cowdenbeath v Arbroath
East Fife v Dunfermline
Forfar v Montrose
Queen of Sth v Queen's Pk
Stirling v Stenhousemuir

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor v Telford; Barnet v Dagenham; Bath v Worcester; Boston United v Scarborough; Enfield v Wealdstone; Maidstone v Nuneaton; Northwich v Altrincham; Runcorn v Kidderminster; Weymouth v Kettering; Yeovil v Trowbridge.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Fareham; Chelmsford v King's Lynn; Gloucester v Witney (11.0); Corby v Cheltenham; Gosport v Hastings; Gravesend v Fisher; Sutton Coldfield v Stourbridge; Welling v Dartford. Midland division: Aylesbury v Wellingborough; Banbury v Redditch; Bridgwater v Milton Keynes (2.0); Bromsgrove v Merthyr Tydfil; Coventry Sporting v Leicester United; Dudley v Forest Green; Rushden v Oldbury (2.0); Shepshed Charterhouse v Willenhall; Southern division: Addlestone and Weybridge v Erith and Belvedere; Andover v Salisbury; Ashford v Canterbury; Cambridge City v Hillingdon; Dover v Dunstable; Hounslow v Chatham; Thanet v Crawley; Tonbridge v Woodford; Waterlooville v Basingstoke.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich Hamlet v Croydon; Hayes v Harrow; Hitchin v Bognor Regis (2.30); Slough v Carshalton; Tooting and Mitcham v Bromley; Wokingham v Barking; Wycombe v Billericay. First division: Aveley v Feltham; Boreham Wood v Walton and Hersham; Cheshunt v Maidenhead; Epsom and Ewell v Wembley; Hornchurch v Metropolitan Police; Leatherhead v Clapton; Lewes v Hertford (2.30); Second division: Barton v Rainham; Molesey v Basildon; St Albans v Epping; Tring v Ware.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Saltash (2.30); Dawlish v Plymouth Argyle reserves; Frome v Clandown; Mangotsfield v Clevedon (2.30); Melksham v Taunton; Minehead v Chippenham; Wellington v Liskeard; Weston-Super-Mare v Bideford.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cholmeleians v Brentwoods (2.00); Foresters v Chigwellians (2.00).

IRISH LEAGUE (2.15): Ards v Crusaders; Ballymena v Larne; Carrick v Coleraine; Cliftonville v Bangor; Distillery v Glenavon; Newry v Linfield; Portadown v Glentoran.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ashton v Accrington Stanley; Bootle v Formby; Congleton v Burscough; Darwen v Curzon Ashton; Glossop v Lancaster; Leek v Radcliffe; Leyland Motors v Winsford.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Arnold v Bridlington; Alfreton v Bentley; Belper v Winterton; Boston v Ilkeston; Emley v Guisborough; Heanor v Thackley; Mexborough v Spalding.

FA VASE: Third round (2.00): Guiseley v Harrogate; Chester-le-Street v Brandon; Whickham v Fleetwood; Blue Star v Farsley Celtic; Watrington v Appleby Frodingham, Lincoln United v Hatfield Main; Shifnal v Bridgnorth; Denaby v Halesowen; Staveley Works v Paget; Rylands v Rainworth MW; Bucknall CW v Cheadle. Stamford v Potton; Holbeach v Crown and Manor; Irthlingboro v Ampthill; Baldock v Great Yarmouth, VS Rugby v Atherstone; Stansted v Wivenhoe; Harefield v Heybridge Swifts; Leyton-Wingate v Arundel; Tunbridge Wells v Buckingham; Bracknell v Corinthian Casuals; Tiptree v Whitehawk; Crockenhill v Seanley; Rothwell v Dorking; Uxbridge v Saffron Walden; Grays v Hemel Hempstead; Wantage v Abingdon Town; RS Southampton v Exmouth, O Georgians v Devizes; Newbury v Yate; Newport IOW v Eastleigh; Bicester v Bristol Manor Farm.

OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round replay: Woodstock v Morris Motors (2.0)
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Bristol Rovers v Arsenal (2 0).
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Senior Cup: second round: West Ham v QPR (11.0)
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton v Witton. Cup: First round, first leg: Grantham v Gainsborough; Morecambe v Horwich; Oswestry v South Liverpool; Southport v Barrow; Stafford Rangers v Rhyl. President's Cup: First round, first leg: Chorley v Workington; Hyde v Macclesfield; Matlock v Burton; Moseley v Marine.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES
Aberavon v Exeter
Bath v Northampton
Bedford v Rosslyn Park (2.30)
Boroughmuir v Stewarts/Mel FP (2.15)
Bridgend v Gloucester
Bristol v Llanelli
Cardiff v Coventry
Cross Keys v Pontypridd
Ebbw Vale v Tredegar
Gala v Kelso (2.15)
Glamorgan Wanderers v Birmingham
Gosforth v Percy Park (2.15)
Harlequins v London Scottish (2.15)
Hawick v Selkirk (2.15)
Liverpool v Preston G/hoppers (2.30)
London Welsh v Leicester (2.30)
Maesteg v Exeter
Melrose v Jedforest (2.15)
Middlesborough v Headingly (2.30)
Moseley v Waterloo
Neath v Metropolitan Police
Newport v Torquay
Nottingham v Nuneaton
Orrel v Widnes (2.30)
Otley v Ilkley (2.30)
Penarth v South Wales Police
Richmond v Saracens (2.30)
Sale v Fylde (2.30)
Sheffield v Halifax (2.30)
Sidcup v Blackheath (2.15)
Swansea v South Glamorgan Institute
Vale of Lune v Roundhay (2.15)
Wakefield v Harrogate (2.30)
Wasps v Esher (2.30)
Watsonians v Heriot's FP (2.15)
West Hartlepool v Durham City (2.15)

HOCKEY

LONDON LEAGUE (2.15): Premier Division: Blackheath v Tulse Hill. League: Beckenham v Old Kingstonians; Bromley v Richmond; Cheam v Hounslow; Hampstead v Wimbledon; Maidenhead v Dulwich; Purley v Reading; St Albans v Southgate; Spencer v Surbiton; Teddington v Hawks.
WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNAMENTS: East (at Eurosports Village, Shotley, Nr Ipswich, 10.0). Midlands (at Bedford CHE, 10.0); North (Queen Mary School, Lytham St Anne's, 10.0); South (at Bisham Abbey NSC, 10.0); West (Ladies College Playing Fields, Cheltenham, 10.30).

ICE HOCKEY

TOUR MATCH: Richmond Flyers v Normannit (Finland), 6.0.

RACKETS

SWALLOW TROPHY (at Queen's Club, West Kensington, 9.30am).

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Mellor v Old Hulmeians; Sheffield University v Urmston, Timperley v Sale; Stockport v Ashton.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: World Invitation Club Championships (at Crystal Palace NSC, 10am.)

REAL TENNIS: – U24 Open Singles Championship (at Queen's Club).

ROAD RUNNING: LRRC Midnight Run (at Battersea, 11.45pm).

TOMORROW

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern v Castleford (3.30); Leigh v Wakefield Trinity (3.30); St Helens v Widnes. Warrington v Wigan.
SECOND DIVISION: Batley v Dewsbury (11 00); Doncaster v Bramley (2.30); Halifax v Huddersfield; Hunslet v York (3.30); Keighley v Kent Invicta (3.15); Rochdale Hornets v Cardiff City; Swinton v Huyton.

HOCKEY

CLUB TOURNAMENT: Indoor Men's Trophy (at Maidenhead Leisure Centre 10.30am).

ICE HOCKEY

TOUR MATCH: Southampton Vikings v Normannit (Finland, 6.00).
JUNIOR TOURNAMENT: (at Streatham, 6.15).

RACKETS

SWALLOW TROPHY: (at Queens Club, West Kensington, 9.30am).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: World invitation club championships (at Crystal Palace, NSC, 10.0).
REEAL TENNIS: U-24 open singles championship (at Queen's Club, 11.0).

Newbury

Going: good.
Tote: Double 1.30, 2.30. Treble 1.0, 2.0, 3.0
[Television (BBC1) 1.0, 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

12.30 WANTAGE CHASE (novices: £1,847: 2m 160yd) (9 runners)

101 000-113 SIR EAMON (Mrs L Clay) T Clay 6-11-5 ... J Lovejoy 4
102 02-1332 THE COUNTY STONE (Mrs A Taylor) J Thorne 6-11-5 ... P Scudamore

1.0 CHALLOW HURDLE (Grade II: £4,747: 2m 4f 120yd) (8)

1.30 L'OREAL HURDLE (handicap: £5,244: 2m 100yd) (17)

2.0 TOTE MANDARIN CHASE (handicap: £5,998: 3m 2f 82yd) (6)

2.30 NEW YEAR CHASE (handicap: £2,364: 2m 160yd) (6)

3.0 WICKHAM HURDLE (3-y-o novices: £1,839: 2m 100yd) (25)

644 TIMSAH (Hamden Al-Maktoum) J ...
649 pp WINTER SPORT (M Myers) M Usher 11-0 ... Mr A Sharpe 4
650 CELTIC PRINCESS (Mrs R Knipe) Mrs M Rimell 10-9 ... R G Hughes
652 0 LELLICOTT'S GIRL (J Lelliott) P Mitchell 10-9 ...

7-2 Broad Beam, 4 Spanish Place, 5 Hoorah Henry, 10 Merry Tom, Ragged Robin, Pip, 14 Chummy's Boy, 16 Gallant Buck, Orange Reef, 20 others

Newbury selections

By Michael Phillips

12.30 Easy Fella, 1.0 Gratification, 1.30 Desert Hero, 2.0 Observe, 2.30 Classified, 3.0 Spanish Place.

Newbury results

Going: Good

12.30 ELCOT PARK CHASE (Novices: £2,087: 3m)

CO MEMBER ch g by New Member – Coturry (Mrs J Finding) 7-11-0 ... H Davies (10-1) 1
Mellie ... S Morshead (100-30 jt-fav) 2
Dersal ... A Webber (100-30 jt-fav) 3

Catterick Bridge

Going: Good

12.45 MOTHER GOOSE HURDLE (Div I: novices: £580: 2m) (15 runners)

1 2131 PAUSE FOR THOUGHT (D) Denys Smith 6-11-7 ... R Lamb
2 10-0 BATTLEGROUND J Jeffrey 5-11-0 ... Mr T Jeffrey 7
5 000 STRATHPEFFER S Wiles 7-11-0 ... S Charlton

1.15 CINDERELLA CHASE (Selling: handicap: £683: 2m) (9)

1.45 DICK WHITTINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,270: 2m) (10)

... Pencaynor, 9-2 Mountaineer, 8 ... 20 others.

2.15 SCOTCH CORNER CHASE (Handicap: £1,417: 3m 300yd) (11)

1 2123 CARPENTER'S SILK Denys Smith 7-11-10 ... J J O'Neill
2 12-11 MR SNUGFIT M W Easterby 6-11-8 (8 ex) ... P Tuck
3 02-44 WORTHY HEIRESS E Robson 8-11-5 ... C Pimlott
4 4/24-0 CAPTAIN PARKHILL B McLean 10-11-4 ... –
5 1-303 SUNLIT RIVER (B) W Haigh 6-11-3 ... A Brown
6 0u00- IMPUS R Robinson 10-11-1 ... Mandy Harrison 7
7 203-2 PREBEN FUR G Richards 6-10-13 ... N Doughty
9 0p0-3 THE FENCER (CD) W A Stephenson 11-10-7 ... R Lamb
10 302/ SILVER WAY P Calver 6-10-2 ... S McNeill

2.45 ROBINSON CRUSOE CHASE (Novices: £1,017: 2m) (10)

3.15 MOTHER GOOSE HURDLE (Div II: novices: £565: 2m) (9)

Catterick selections

By Michael Seely

12.45 Pause For Thought. 1.15 Only Money. 1.45 Hill's Guard. 2.15 Mr Snugfit. 2.45 Veiled City. 3.15 Eddie The Snake.

Worcester selections

By Michael Seely

1.0 Celtic Bell. 1.30 Devil's Brig. 2.0 Storton. 2.30 No Pardon. 3.0 Dr Pepper. 3.30 Clutterbuck.

Worcester

Going: Good to soft

1.0 MIDNIGHT HURDLE (Div I: novices: £690: 2m) (17 runners)

... 4-11-0 ... Mr J Cambidge 4

... Ford Rental, 6 Tudor Bob, 8 Celtic ...

1.30 AULD LANG SYNE CHASE (Handicap: £1,280: 2m) (8)

2.0 CELEBRATION HURDLE (4-y-o: selling: £546: 2m 2f) (14)

2.30 NEW YEARS EVE CHASE (Handicap: £1,520: 3m) (9)

3 0/233- LAST SUSPECT T Forster 9-11-9 ... H Davies
7 23pf GAMBLING PRINCE Mrs G Jones 10-11-0 ... J Burke
12 4120- SPARTAN MAJOR (CD) (B) Mrs W Sykes 9-10-4 ... J Bryan
13 1pp-0 COOLAFANCY (CD) M Henriques 12-10-4 ... G Charles-Jones 7
14 3f3f NO PARDON (C) A Hobbs 8-10-3 ... Mr P Hobbs 4
15 u1f-0 DROPS O'BRANDY (D) J Edwards 8-10-2 ... P Warner
19 1212 COTTAGE RHYTHM (CD) Earl Jones 7-10-0 ... P Dever 7
22 420-0 ARCTIC SLOGAN R Perkins 6-10-0 ... –
24 3000- STAR MEMBER R Hawker 8-10-0 ... M Richards 4

11-4 Cottage Rhythym, 7-2 Spartan Major, 4 Gambling Prince, 9-2 No Pardon, 6 Drops O'Brandy, 8 Last Suspect, 12 others.

3.0 FATHER TIME CHASE (Novice: handicap: £1,348: 2m 4f) (11)

3 4f1u BRITANNICUS N Thomson 7-11-7 ... DOUBTFUL
5 0300 DISHCLOTH Lady S Brooke 9-11-5 ... P Dever 7
8 1u34 ANOINTED (C) P Bevan 7-11-1 ... T Wall
9 0/00 SAFFRON'S DAUGHTER (B) D Gandolfo 5-11-0 ... P Barton
12 10-04 RHEINFORD J Old 7-10-12 ... P Murphy 4
13 f-331 DR PEPPER P Haynes 6-10-12 (7 ex) ... –
14 3p2-f BLACK MAGIC T Forster 7-10-8 ... H Davies
16 4b11 IVORY CREST P O'Connor 5-10-6 (7 ex) ... S Jobar
17 3/40 CWMYREITHIN V Bishop 7-10-2 ... Mr C Crozier
18 3pf-0 NO WHINGEING P Cundell 6-10-1 ... P Richards
23 1130 RIVER WARRIOR J M Bradley 5-10-0 ... G Davies

5-2 Ivory Crest, 100-30 Dr Pepper, 4 River Warrior, 7 Anointed, 9 Black Magic, 12 others.

3.30 MIDNIGHT HURDLE (Div II: novices: £690: 2m) (18)

Leicester

Going: Good

Taunton results

Going: Good to soft.

12.15 ALEX STANLEY BABS WAREHAM CHASE (Div I: amateurs: novices: £850: 3m)

3.15 HOLLY TREE HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: novices: £534: 2m)

BROWN RIFLE b g by Scottish Rifle–Mother Brown 10-2 ... W Knox (7-2) 1
Northern Beau ... P Hobbs (20-1) 2
Whenever ... J Frost (7-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.50. Places: £2.40, £8.40, £2.30. DF: £308.80. CSF: £70.82. D Burchell at Ebbw Vale. 1l, 7l. Mossy Bell (7-4 fav). Lerarctic (6-1) 4th 17 ran. NR: Lady Wrekin. PLACEPOT: £99.25.

● John Francome has been named *Amoco NH jockey of the month for* December – a record fourth monthly award for the reigning champion jump jockey.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and IN MEMORIAM

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BIRTHS

BOADLE. - On December 21, to Rosalind and John - a son, Geoffrey Charles

BRENCHLEY.- On 29th December, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Marguerite Marie (nee Delon) and Hugh - a son, Alexander, a brother for Mark.

BURROUGH. - On December 20th, at Cookfield Hospital, to Lucy (née Kerry) and Simon - a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth Ann

DE WHALLEY. On December 28, to Patricia and Charles - a son, James Christopher.

EVANS. On December 28, 1983, at Penrith, NSW, to Ron and Sue - a son, Shaun Thomas, first grandchild of Thomas and Valerie Hennesey of Cheam, Surrey

FINEMAN. - On December 29 at Westminster Memorial Hospital, Shaftesbury, to Sarah (née Augier) and Peter, a daughter (Lucy Janet), a sister for James.

HALL, In Cyprus on 27th December, to Angela (née Legg) and Tim, a daughter, Jemima Sophie Henrietta, a sister for Pollyanna.

MABEY.-On December 29th, at St Thomas's Hospital to Denise and David - a son

MELVILLE. - On December 20th, at Perth, to Susie and Mike, a daughter, Julia a sister for Sarah and Neil.

PAINE. On December 27, to Julie (née Rainbird) and Martin - a son, Christopher Martin (Fred).

ROBINSON. - On 21st December, to Alison (née Weatherall) and Nicolas, a daughter - Miranda Claire, a sister for Joshua.

RUDLAND. - On 17th December, to Norma (née Lee) and Martin - a son, Oliver William.

SCOTT. - On 22nd December, 1983, to Janet Elizabeth and David Michael Scott - a son (Richard William George).

SEMKEN - On 23rd November to Imogen (nee Everest-Phillips) and Christopher, a son - Thomas Riga.

MARRIAGES

KELL AND ALBERS. On 29th December, 1983, at The Dom Church, Lubeck, Gregory son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Kell of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, and Bettina, elder daughter of the late Herr Albert A. H. Albers and Frau Elizabeth A. A. Albers of Lubeck, West Germany

DEATHS

ASKHAM. - On December 29, 1983, suddenly at 11 Roman Hill, Barton, Cambridge, the Reverend Leonard Charles Askham, Vicar of St Mary's, Godmanchester 1937-1942, Rector of Ashover, Derbyshire 1942-1946, Vicar of Harston with Hauxton, Cambridge 1946-1954, Vicar of Barton, Cambridge 1954-1968. Funeral at Barton Parish Church, Thursday, January 5 at 2.30pm. No flowers by request, but if desired donations to Barton Parish Church may be sent to the Reverend H. Searle, The Vicarage, Barton. Enquires to Alfred Mills, Funeral Director, 0220 262364.

BLAIR-OLIPHANT. - On December 29th, Helen, beloved wife of Air Vice Marshal Nigel Blair-Oliphant and loving mother of Nigel and grandmother of Richard and David.

CHAMBERS. On December 24th, Doris Elaine. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Putney Park Lane, Putney, at 3.15 pm, Wednesday, January 4th. Amended Notice

CLARKE. - On Christmas Eve, Doreen, aged 87 years, widow of Surgeon Commander H. A. Clarke, R.N., and beloved mother of Tony. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday, 5th January at 2pm. No flowers. Donations for an Eye Camp may be sent to the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Commonwealth House, Haywards Heath, West Sussex

COX. Suddenly on December 29, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, in her 69th year, Susan Mary, beloved wife of Ian Cox and mother of Carolyn Evans, Sandra Gibbs and Simon (Tim). Funeral arrangements to be announced later

DAVIS. - On December 29, 1983 at the Cromwell House Nursing Home, Hove, Margaret Constance Davis in her 89th year, widow of Edward Maximilian Davis. Enquiries to Alliee and Kent Ltd., (Funeral Directors) Telephone: Brighton 688 228.

GRAHAM DOUGLAS - On December 18, 1983, peacefully, after a brief illness in London, Chief-Dr Nabo Bekinbo Graham Douglas, aged 57. He is lying in state at the Chapel, 83, Westbourne Grove, W2, until funeral arrangements in Nigeria have been announced

GREENE. - On 28th December, peacefully at home, Margaret d'Almaipe. Service at St. Mary's Without The Walls, Handbridge, Chester at 2pm, Wednesday, 4th January. Private cremation. No flowers please. Donations to St. John's Hospice, Clatterbridge, Bebington, Merseyside L63.

HARDING. - On December 22nd, Margaretta Sidonie (née Wasserman) in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, after a long illness, aged 81, in her 50th year of marriage to Bim. Dearest mother of Elizabeth and grandmother to Vanessa and Fiona. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service for her life and burial of ashes on Saturday, January 7, 1984, at St Nicolas Church, The Green, Kings Norton, Birmingham at 2.30 p.m.

HINDMARSH - peacefully at home 13 Broomhall, Oxshott, Surrey. During the night of 29-30th December, Violette (nee Cordery) widow of John Stuart, mother of Susan and Sally, grandmother of John. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

MURPHY - On December 25, Gladys Braybrook Murphy, late of 71 Heathcroft, Hampstead Way, London, NW11, widow of Frederick Murphy. Funeral on Friday, January 6, at 2.10pm at Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers by request, but donations in lieu, to Old Comrades Association Honourable Artillery Company, Armoury House, City Road, London, EC1

O'CONNOR. On December 27th, Noreen of Northampton and formerly of Somerset and County Cork. Requiem Mass at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, Wednesday, January 4th at 11am. Burial service at Loxton Churchyard near Weston-super-Mare, Thursday, January 5th at 2.30pm. Flowers and enquiries to Messrs P. J. Harris, Funeral Directors, 2 Cross St, Burnham-on-Sea. Telephone 0278 782886

POWER. On the evening of 23rd December, at home, Mrs Lavinia, of Wolseley Park, Rugeley, Staffordshire, beloved mother of Pamela Lady Wolseley and Mrs Mary Phillips, grandmother of Sir Charles Wolseley, Bt. and Mrs Steuart Moor and great-grandmother of their children. Private funeral to be followed by Memorial Service, Wednesday, 1st February at 4.30 pm, at Colwich, Staffordshire.

RAWLINGS On December 29, at his home, 36 Bedwin Street, Salisbury, Captain Geoffrey Noel Rawlings, DSO, DSC, RN. Funeral service at St Martins Church, Salisbury, 11.45am Friday, January 6. Inquiries to H. A. Harrold & Son, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury. Telephone 21177

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SLATER. - On December 29th 1983, peacefully, in hospital, following a road accident, in London, Olga [illegible] ... Chichester. Tel: 782 136.

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WEBSTER. - On December 26th, 1983, following an accident, W. A. R. (Webby) Webster, OBE, beloved husband of Kittie and father of Cathleen and Margaret. Funeral 2.30 pm, Wednesday, Jan 4th, St Andrews URC, Northey Avenue, Cheam, Surrey, followed by cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to The British Talking Book Service for the Blind, Wembley

WIGGANS. On December 27th, peacefully in hospital, Herbert Henry, aged 86 years, dearly loved husband of Eveline and loving father of Peter. Funeral service on Tuesday, 3rd January at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquires to William Collins & Son, 12 Mill Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex. Tel: Burgess Hill 3216.

WILKIE. - On December 29, peacefully, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Norman Durrell, eldest brother of Jack and Kenneth. No flowers by request. Funeral takes place at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday, January 5 at 3 p.m.

WILKINSON.-On 29th December, peacefully in his sleep at home, Major John Scott Wilkinson, aged 84, dearly loved father of David and Louise and much loved grandfather. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium, on Thursday, January 5th, at 12.30 pm. Inquiries to G. W. Burden, Church St, Amesbury (Tel: 0980 23262).

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BBC 1

8.35 Inch High Private Eye: American cartoon; **9.00 Saturday Superstore:** includes a song from Howard Jones, *Rolf Harris in the Coffee Shop;* David Essex and his latest single: and many New Year's Eve bargains. Plus Wham.

12.15 Grandstand. The line-up is: 12.20 Football Focus (soccer highlights of 1983): **12.45 News headlines.**

12.55 Newbury Racing: the 1.00 race; 1.10 Boxing: the European Bantamweight *Championship, from* Campobase, Italy: Feeney v Giorgetti; 1.25 Racing from Newbury: the 1.30 race: 1.45 Sports Round-up: 1.55 Newbury Racing: the 2.00 Tote Mandarin Handicap Steeplechase; 2.10 Basketball Preview: with Kieran Prendiville; 2.25 Newbury Racing: the 2.30.

2.50 Darts: *Embassy World* Professional Championship, from Stoke on Trent: 3.20 Basketball: Philips World Invitional Club Championships, from Crystal Palace; 3.50 Half-time scores; 3.55 Darts (contd); 4.15 Basketball (contd)' 4.35 Final Scores.

5.05 News: with Moira Stuart, 5.15 *Sport. And regional news bulletins.*

5.20 Jim'll Fix It: New Year's Eve special. Mr Savile makes it possible for someone to share the same stretch of ice as Torvill and Dean (but not for skating purposes).

5.55 The Little and Large Show: Comedy and music, with guests Russell Grant, Roy Jay, Roy Wood and Status Quo.

6.30 Film: Arabian Adventure (1979) Arabian Nights-type fantasy, with Christopher Lee as the *unspeakably evil Caliph*, hungry for power. Supporting cast includes Milo O'Shea, Oliver Tobias, Mickey Rooney and Peter Cushing. Director: *Kevin Connor.*

8.05 Best of British Comedy: Clips from gems like Hancock's Half-Hour, Dad's Army, Till Death Us Do Part, Porridge, and The Good Life, presented by Frank Muir.

8.55 Bergèrac: Another dramatic episode in the life of a Jersey detective (John Nettles) Why he has to arrest the challenger in an important boxing match. Guest stars in tonight's episode: Oliver Cotton, Lee Montague, Tony Osoba and Eva Mottley.

9.50 News: read by Moira Stuart. And sports round-up. Plus weather forecast for the first day of 1984.

10.05 Match of the Day: The best of action from two First Division football matches played today. Also pools check.

10.45 A Farewell Celebration of The **Good Old Days:** The curtain at the City Varieties, Leeds, rises and falls for the last time (on TV). Top of tonight's valedictory bill *is* Frankie Vaughan.

11.45 Across the Years: Marian Foster and Eric Robson see the old year out in Manchester, and Keith Chegwin chats with many local folk as the New Year is born.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: with the Parkinsons (Mary and Michael). Pick of the Week, with Jeni Barnett, at 6.30. News at 7.00 and 8.00. The Parkinsons present their New Year's Eve special, with guests and chat, from 7.00.

8.40 Data Run: The top video cassettes of 1983.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 E.T. and Friends: Magical Movie Visitors: The strange *things that have enlivened* many a movie. With Robin Williams; **10.20 Terrahawks:** Puppets in space; **10.50 Film: The Solid Gold Kidnapping** (1974) Made-for-TV thriller about a double abduction of an American ambassador, and the President's special adviser. With Lee Majors, Elizabeth Ashley; **12.05** *Cartoons.*

12.15 World of Sport. The line-up is:– 12.20 Darts (Final of the Foster's Draught British Matchplay); **12.45 News from** *ITN; 12.50 On the Ball: a look* back on the 1983 football scene; **1.20 It'll be Alright on the Day:** sporting "howlers", strung together by Denis Norden; **1.40** Ice Hockey: (Izvestia Prize, from Moscow).

2.10 Stock Car Racing: live coverage from Wimbledon Stadium; 2.30 Pro Skate '83: Spectacular ice-skating display from New York, with Robin Cousins, John Curry and other star skaters; 3.20 Hot Rod Racing: Winternational Gold Cup, from *Wimbledon Stadium; 3.45 Half-*time scores; 4.00 Wrestling. 4.45 Results.

5.00 News; 5.05 Pop Goes New Year: the stars include Culture *Club, Limahl, Style Council,* Tracey Ullman.

6.05 Game for a Laugh: A compilation of highlights from the last series, assembled at a New Year's Eve party at Chenies Manor House in Herts.

7.00 Punchlines: Bernie Winters and Sally James partner tonight's two contestants.

7.35 3-2-1: Comedy game show, hosted by Ted Rogers, with a Garden of Eden theme. Guests include Norman Vaughan, Barbara Windsor, Deryck Guyler and Valentine Dyall.

8.35 Petula: Musical show, with Petula Clark, Paul Jones, John Amis, Isla Blair, Eleanor Bron and Annette Hoffnung et al; **9.35 News.**

9.40 Film: The Way We Were (1973) Romantic drama, well written by Arthur Laurents, co-starring Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford (both in *excellent form) as the* university lovers whose relationship undergoes a dramatic change when their paths cross again after a lapse *of some years. With Bradford* Dillman, Lois Chiles and Viveca Lindfors. Directed by Sydney Pollack.

11.50 The Hogmanay Show: Boisterous entertainment, befitting the night, from the Scottish Television studios in Glasgow. With Andy Cameron, Kenneth McKellar and the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra (100-strong). Followed by **Night Thoughts.**



From Covent Garden – live: Kiri te Kanawa, Hermann Prey, Hildegard Heichel and Doris Soffel in Die Fledermaus (BBC2, 6.25pm).

BBC 2

2.10 Film: The Pride and the Passion (1957) Tremendously spectacular (but dramatically *meagre) movie version of* C S Forrester's adventure yarn set in Spain during the Napoleonic war. Cary Grant is the British naval officer who throws in his lot with a guerrilla leader (Frank Sinatra) whose followers are hauling a monstrous canon across Spain to put paid to the French. Co-starring Sophia Loren. Directed by Stanley Kramer.

4.20 Machines in Motion: Penultimate lecture in *Professor Leonard Maunder's series of Christmas addresses* to young people at the Royal Institution.

5.20 World Darts: Further live coverage of the first-round *matches of the* Embassy World Professional Championship.

6.25 Die Fledermaus: The whole of Johann Strauss's operetta is *transmitted, live, from the* Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, with Kiri Te Kanawa and Hermann Prey heading an impressive cast, and Placido Domingo making his British debut as conductor (though the famous voice is briefly heard from the orchestra pit). The line-up of principals also includes Hildegard Heichele, Dennis O'Neill, Doris Soffel, Benjamin Luxon and (as the drunken gaoler Frosch), Josef Meinrad. The principal dancers: Merle Park and *Wayne Eagling. Act one.*

7.30 News: Then, at 7.40, Richard Baker says his piece from the famous Crush Bar at "the Garden", during the first *interval of Die Fledermaus.*

7.50 Die Fledermaus: the second act. Interval at 9.05.

9.25 Die Fledermaus: the third act.

10.20 Angus McBean: A repeat screening of the Arena film about the famous photographer of theatrical "greats" (Olivier, Gielgud, Coward, etc). Tonight, he concentrates on the late Sir Ralph Richardson.

10.45 World Darts: back to Stoke-on-Trent.

11.45 Film: Theatre of Blood (1973) BBC 2 brings 1983 to a gory end with the murder of some of London's leading theatre critics. Vincent Price, Robert Morley, Diana Rigg and Coral Browne are among those involved. Ends at 1.30am.

CHANNEL 4

1.50 Film: The Lady with a Lamp (1951*) Anna Neagle as yet another Great Briton. This *time, she is Florence Nightingale,* in Herbert Wilcox's very respectable film about her pioneering nursing service in the Crimean war. With Michael Wilding, Felix Aylmer and Gladys Young.

3.45 Film: Sherlock Jnr (1926*) Buster Keaton comedy, with the Great Stoneface as a cinema projectionist who imagines himself taking part in the detective thriller he is screening.

4.35 Unforgettable Swingtime: Pat Phoenix (Coronation Street's Elsie Tanner(introduces more classic ditties from the 1920s to the early 1950s. Her guests include Rosemary Clooney and Dennis Lotis.

5.05 Brookside: *two repeated* episodes.

6.00 Citizen 2000: An investigation into the reasons why some mothers return to work *not* long after their babies are born, while others have decided not to be working mothers.

6.55 News headlines. Followed by: **– The Other Side of London.** Ron Moody (Fagin in *Lionel* Bart's famous musical) exchanges crime for a tourist's guide life. En route to well-known tourist spots, he *becomes Dracula, Sherlock* Holmes, Richard III and Henry Irving. And Fagin.

8.00 Party at the Palace: Not Buckingham Palace, but *Camden Palace where the* Black Theatre Co-operative put on a son, dance and music entertainment. Artists include Victor Romero Evans, Judith Jacob, and Malcolm Frederick.

9.00 Film: The Music Machine (1979) Disco musical starring Garry Sundquist and Patti Boulaye as the young couple who are determined to win a disco talent competition in face of some crooked competition.

10.40 David Frost's End of the Year Show: In their individualistic way, celebrities look back on the dying year. They include Denis Norden, Clive James, Alan Coren, John Wells, Diana Dors, Ken Livingstone, and *Instant Sunshine.*

12.10 Fox: Final episode. The return from New York of Phil (Eamon Boland) brings new hope of family unity after many *divisions. (r)*

1.10 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Farming Today.
6.50 In Perspective with Rosemary Hartill. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 In Perspective.
7.50 It's a Bargain. 7.55 Weather; Travel: Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.48 Breakaway. Holiday, Travel and Leisure scene, including 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News.
9.50 Marriage, Bigamy and Tally-Ho! David Moreau and his friendship with the eccentric *Alexander* Wortley.
10.05 Talking Politics. Brave politicians take part in a quiz to see how much they really know about the Palace of Westminster.
10.30 Joy to the World. A Christmas celebration in words and music†
10.45 First Pick of the Year. Selection of tv and radio highlights from 1983, with Margaret Howard *(see also 10.15pm entry)*†
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent. BBC correspondents report from around the world.
12.00 News; Money Box.
12.27 The First Half Century. Alistair Cooke's personal view of social life in Britain and the USA from 1900-1950, as reflected in popular music of the day (5) The Era of Wonderful Nonsense (1924-29). 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 News.
1.10 The Year Ahead. A Radio News special in which News correspondents try to predict the main issues of the year ahead. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News.
2.05 Thirty-Minute Theatre. 'The Winter Plan' by Barbara Champion. Lydia Sherwood plays the old lady with predictable holiday plans.
2.35 *Medicine Now. A report on the* health of medical care.
3.05 Wildlife. 'Earth Stars'. With Sarah Benfield and Derek Jones.
3.30 Light in a Dark Place. The story of Christian Watt, adapted from her own account of her life 'The Christian Watt Papers'†
4.30 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled.
5.00 The Sinking of the Scharnhorst. A documentary telling the story of the last epic sea battle in the history of naval warfare (r).
5.35 Elkins in Israel. In the last of six talks, Michael Elkins ends his journey through the history of the modern Jewish state. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather: Travel; Programme News.
6.00 News; Sports Round-up.
6.25 Desert Island Discs. Novelist M. M. Kaye†
7.05 I Have No Genius But By God I Am A Novelist. A radio portrait of Hugh Walpole (1894-1941), by Peter Mellors. With Peter Barkworth as Walpole.
7.45 Baker's Dozen with Richard Baker†
8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre. 'The Geneva Run' by Michael Davies. Mystery story about a missing British arms expert at the Geneva talks. With George Baker and Ian Saynor.
10.00 News.
10.15 Second Pick of the Year. Selection of radio and tv highlights of 1983, part 2. Presented by Margaret Howard†
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness. An evening meditation†
11.15 Animal Language. A 13-part *series on sound communication* in animals (1) Communication. Narrated by David Attenborough (r).
11.45 Ring Out The Old, Ring In The New. A meditation for the *change of the year, by Lord* Soper.
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Shipping Forecast.
England: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
8.05 *Aubade: Pachelbel's Canon;* Lalo's Scherzo; Dvorak's Nine Moravian Duets, Op 32: with Schwarzkopf and Seefried, and Grainger's Youthful Suite.†
9.00 News.
9.05 *Record Review: Outstanding* records of the year, chosen by Rodney Milnes, Richard Osborne, Lionel Salter and John Warrack. With Paul Vaughan.†
10.15 Stereo Release: Brahms's Five Romances (from Magelone: with Fischer-Dieskau), and Emil Gilels playing Beethoven's Sonata Op 106.†
11.25 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra: Muti conducts Mozart's ballet music from Idomeneo and two concert arias, sung by Edita Gruberova;†12.10 Reading.
12.15 Concert (contd) Honegger's Symph No 2 for string orch and trumpet, and Ravel's Bolero.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Janet Baker and Geoffrey Pratley: mezzo and piano recital of songs by Parry, Vaughan Williams, Britten (Winter Words, Op 52) and Warlock.†
2.00 Georg Philipp Telemann: The English Concert play the Overture in F sharp minor, for strings and continuo; Concerto polonais in G for strings and continuo and other works including Don Quichotte.†
3.05 Music for Two Pianos: Peter Wallfisch and Michael Freyhan play Busoni's Chorale, Wie wohl ist mir and Reger's Variations and Fugue on theme of Mozart.†
3.45 Images of the East: how different composers have treated Asia Minor.
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: another Peter Clayton selection.†
5.45 Critics Forum: Richard Cork is in the chair as this programme's regular film, television, radio, art and theatre critics pick their 1983 favourites.
6.45 Lennox Berkeley: The BBC Singers in a programme of little-heard works by this composer including the Variations on a hymn by Orlando Gibbons, and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, 1980.
8.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Concert. Part one. With Mark Kaplan (violin). Dvorak's Scherzo capriccioso, Fauré's Pavane and Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1.†
8.45 Marcario; Stephen Garlick reads Jual Ruffo's story.
9.00 Concert: part two. Sibelius's Symp No 5.†
9.45 The Modern Jazz Quartet: A concert recorded in London last April. Part one includes Monteray Mist, Hornpipe for the Queen, Nature Boy and Sacha's March.†
10.40 *Some Perilous Collations and a* Little Advice: Ralph Richardson reads more pages from the scrapbooks of George Saintsbury.
10.55 The Modern Jazz Quartet: part two. The works include Lela, *Watergate Blues, True Blues,* Django and Bag's Groove.†
11.57 News.
12.00 Big Ben welcomes the birth of 1984. Ends at 12.05.

Radio 2

News: 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and on the hour until 1.00 pm, and then from 6.00 pm (except 8.00 and 9.00) (mf/mw). 5.00 George Ferguson: The Saturday Early Show, incl. 7.50 Racing Bulletin.† 8.00 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Sounds of the 60s with Keith Fordyce.† 11.00 Album Time with peter Claytonfincl 11.02 Sports Desk. 1.00 The Huddlines Brief of the Year. Roy Hudd looks back at the news of 1983. 1.30 Sport on 2: Racing from Newbury: 1.30 The *L'Oreal* Handicap Hurdle. 2.00 The Tote Mandarin Handicap Chase. Rugby Union: (2.30, 4.55) London welsh v Leicester. Football: 5.00 Sports Report, incl 5.40 Thoght of 1983. 5.55 Football pools news and results. 6.00 Country Greats in Concert featuring Roy *Drusky, Rattlesnake Annie, Ronnie* Prophet. 7.00 Jazz Score (new series). With chairman Benny Green. 7.30 BBC International Festival of Light Music. Band Parade recorded at the Royal Festival Hall, London.† 9.30 Big Band *Specialwith te BBC Big Band. 10.00* Saturday Rendezvous. 11.00 Hogmanay Special with Ray Moore, *incl 11.02* Sports Desk. 1.00 Pete Murray's Late Show. 3.00-5.00 Bill Rennells with You and the Night and *the Music.*†

Radio 1

News on the half hour 12.30 pm, 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show: 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Annie in Conversation with Rolling Stone Bill Wyman and actor Christopher Timothy.† 2.00 Paul Gambaccini with news about *America's best selling* singles of 1983.† 4.00 Saturday Live with Richard Skinner and Andy Batten-Foster.† 6.30 In Concert featuring Spandau Ballet.† 7.30 Janic Long Show Liverpool Spceial. Janice talks to *Jeremy Kelly of the Lotus Eaters.* 10.00-2.00 The Classiest New Year's Eve Disco Party with Gary Davies.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00 With Radio 2. 1.00 With Radio 1. 7.30 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 2.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News About Britain. 7.15 Short Story. 7.30 A Talent to Amuse. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Short Takes. 8.30 Jazz Score. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 People and Politics. 10.15 What's New. 10.30 Just A Minute. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 About Britain. 12pm Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Network UK. 1.30 Motive for Murder. 2.00 London Concert Tradition. 2.30 Anything for A Laugh. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 5.00 News Summary. 5.02 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Good Books. 9.15 What's New. 9.30 People and Politics. 10.00 World News. 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Watchnight Service. 12.00 Chime and Full Strike of Big Ben. 12.01 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Play of the Week. 1.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Commentary. 2.15 Short Story. 2.30 Sports Review. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 Just A Minute. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.25 Interlude. 4.30 The Bach Family. 5.45 Letter from America. All times in GMT

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. *Black and white. (r) Repeat.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC1 BBC Wales 5.15-5.20pm Sport News Wales. 1.00am Weather for Wales. Close. Scotland 5.15-5.20pm Scoreboard. 6.30-7.30 Marathon '83 (Scottish People's Marathon).7.30-8.15 Celebrity Superscot (Quiz presented by Jane Franchi). 8.15-8.55 Dougie *Donnelly Revisited. 10.5-10.40* Sportscene. 10.40-11.30 Scotch and Wry. Join Rikki Fulton and guests for the Scotch and Wry Hogmanay Party. 11.30-12.30am The New Year Party. Songs, dances, laughs – the annual ceilidh to *welcome 1984 in "live" from the* Glasgow studio. 12.30-12.35 Prologue. 12.35 Close. Northern Ireland 4.55-5.5pm Northern Ireland results (opt-out form Grandstand). 5.15-5.20 News 1.00am Northern Ireland news. England *5.15-5.20pm London – Sport. South-*West (Plymouth) – Spotlight Sport. Other English Regions – Sport/Regional News 1.05am Close.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

S4C Starts 12.35pm Rough Stage *1.55* The Tube *3.20* Land of the Lakes 4.15 Utopia 4.45 Yr Awr Fawr 5.45 Buster Keaton 6.30 The Snowman *7.00 Newyddion 7.15 Storom Bywyd* 8.15 Paul Hogan Show 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae 10.05 Party at the Palace 11.05 Footsteps 11.40 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn 12.40am Closedown.

BORDER No variation.

GRAMPIAN As London except : 11.50pm Hogmanay Ceilidh: Alistair McDonald leads the celebrations 12.35am Reflections 12.40 Closedown

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30am Late Call. 12.34 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory. 9.30 ET and Friend. 10.15-10.20 Fraggles are coming. 12.30am Message for New Year. 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 4.55pm-5.00 Ulster sports results.

TVS 6.05 Game for a laugh. 12.30am Company, *Closedown.*

GRANADA As London except: 12.30am Hallelujah Hollywood: Gene Kelly. 1.35 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30am Into the New Year; followed by Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25 Dick Tracy. 9.30 Freeze Frame. 10.30 Cartoon. 10.45-10.50 Gus Honeybun. 11.50pm Reflection 83. 12.26am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25-10.50am Santa's Pocket Watch followed by Space 1999. 11.50 Sing in the Year. 12.00 Starting Point for New Year.12.05am Closedown.

CENTRAL No variation.

HTV No variation.

HTV WALES No variation.

YORKSHIRE No variation

Sunday

BBC 1

9.00 Mr Benn: for the toddlers; **9.15 Sunday Worship:** from Westcott House Chapel, Cambridge; **10.00 Asian Magazine:** includes a flashback to India's World Cup victory; **10.30 See Hear** for those with hearing problems; **10.55 The Edinburgh Military Tattoo, 1983:** Highlights from the heart-tugging spectacle; **12.05 From Brooklyn to Blenheim:** Donny MacLeod interviews Barry Manilow (r); **12.50 Cartoon.**

1.00 Under the Blackpool Tower with Ken Dodd: The comedian gets to know the circus fraternity. He even enters the tigers' cage; **1.45 News headlines.**

1.50 Film: The Yellow Rolls Royce (1964). Omnibus story, luxuriously mounted, about the three very different owners of a super car. Remarkable cast includes Rex Harrison, Shirley MacLaine, *Ingrid* Bergman, Omar Sharif, Jeanne Moreau and Alain Delon. Director Anthony Asquith.

3.50 Hot Shoe Show: Dancing feet *galore, including those of* Wayne Sleep, Bonnie Langford, Lesley Collier, Wayne Eagling and Paul Tomkinson.

4.40 Aladdin and the Forty Thieves: Many stars from children's TV programmes take part in this traditional pantomime. They include Floella Benjamin, Sarah Greene, Kenneth Connor, Johnny Morris (Widow Twanky), John Craven (Palace newsreader) and Kenneth Williams (as Mustapha Drink). *Edward Brayshaw plays* Abanazar.

5.35 Richard Chamberlain: The actor talks about his role in the TV serial version of Colleen *McCullough's best-seller The Thorn Birds* that begins on BBC1 next Sunday; **5.55 News bulletin.**

6.05 The Holiday Programme: New series begins. From London to New York by Concorde: holidays in Ibiza; and travels around Tayside. Plus details of *a holiday competition.*

6.40 Songs of Praise: from St Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh.

7.15 The Two Ronnies: The musical guest is Elaine Paige. Other guest performers: Patricia Brake, Patrick Troughton and April Walker.

8.05 Film: Fame (1980). The film that spawned the hugely successful TV series. Same cast (more or less). Same plot: the antics of students and staff at the New York High School for the Performing Arts. Directed, with great vigour by Alan Parker; **10.15 News.**

10.25 Everyman: Hell to Pay. A film about the Argentine evangelist Luis Palau, the self-styled "new Billy Graham" who came to London last year to "save *souls". Peter France* considers whether Palau's principles are really Christian.

11.05 Men v Women: Bernard Langer takes on JoAnne *Carner in an internation golf* challenge at the Duke's Course at the Woburn Golf and Country Club.

11.55 Sergeant Bilko: Phil Silvers up *to more tricks in the US Army* "(r); 12.20 Weather forecast.

TV-am

7.25 Good Morning Britain. The presenter is David Frost. At 7.25, the Archbishop of York presents A Thought for a Sunday.

7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub: Yehudi Menuhin reads The King, the Cat and the Fiddle; plus cartoons, the magician Philip Theodore, the snowman-*maker Alan Dart, and regulars* including Dick and Dodo.

8.30 Good Morning Britain: David Frost with his New Year's Day guests. Ends at 9.25.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Sing a New Song: baptismal service from Maidstone Baptist Church, Kent; **10.30** *Film: Smurfs and the Magic Flute* (1975) Full-length cartoon; **11.50 Survival Special: Stranded on South Georgia:** Revised version of this remarkable wildlife film shot by Cindy Buxton and Annie Prince at the time of the Argentine invasion of the Falklands (r).

12.50 Magic with the Stars: A *veritable feast of illusion, with* such masters of the craft as David Copperfield, Orson Welles and Jaclyn Smith.

2.00 Encounter: Four Bars to the Bus Stop. How Peter Abrahams, now a Church of England clergyman, conquered the Demon Drink. He and his wife return to Madrid, where he experienced so much alcoholic despair.

2.30 Film: South Pacific (1958) Mitzi Gaynor, as American nurse Nellie Forbush, failing to wash men out of her hair, and failing for French plantation owner Rossano Brazzi. Great songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

5.10 Bullseye: Darts and general knowledge.

5.40 The Early Beatles: The Famous Four live again in some rare archive film which covers the period 1962-1965. Includes highlights from their first headline-making tour of the United States; **6.30 News.**

6.40 Mary O'Hara and Friends: The "Friends" include Georgie Fame and the City of London Symphonia.

7.15 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right: The Archers from Dawley, Telford, versus the Wilsons from Romford, Essex.

7.45 Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime: Francesca Annis and James Warwick in The Case of the Missing Lady. With Rowena Cooper and Ewen Hooper; **8.45 News from ITN.**

9.00 Film: Tom Horn (1980) A quality western, starring the late Steve McQueen as the ex-Cavalry scout, hired to protect a group of cattle ranchers, but subsequently the man they plot to get rid of. With Linda Evans and Slim Pickens. *Director: William Ward.*

10.50 Sheena Easton – Act One: The singer sings some of her hits, in Los Angeles. She shares a song with Kenny *Rogers. Other guests: Al* Jarreau and Johnny Carson. Followed by:– **Night Thoughts:** from Max Sinclair, assistant director, Christian Centre, Hildenborough Hall, Kent.

Eddie Cantor: he appears as the delivery boy turned slave in the 1933 Hollywood musical Roman Scandals (Channel 4, 10.45pm)

BBC 2

12.15 In Name Only (1939*) Hollywood comedy. Cary Grant plays the man whom Kay Francis marries for his money. Then along comes a pretty widow (Carole Lombard) and there are complications. Directed by John Cromwell.

1.45 Darts: Live coverage of the *Embassy World Professional* Championship. Wilson, O'Dea and Glazier are all in action today. Further coverage at 5.55, 9.30 and 2.00.

2.30 *Rugby Special: London Welsh* versus Leicester.

3.20 *Machines in Motion:* The last of Professor Leonard Maunder's Royal Institution *Christmas Lectures for Young* People.

4.20 International Basketball: Philips World Invitational Club Championships.

5.15 *Ski Sunday: Ron Pickering* reports on the excitement at Garmisch-Partenkirchen as men launch themselves through space.

5.55 *World Darts: further live* coverage from Stoke-on-Trent.

6.45 News Review: Jan Leeming.

7.15 Beyond 1984: Part one of a *two-part (part two is at 8.20)* assessment of the prospects, financial and sociological, facing Britain in the next 25 years. At 7.17, Dr John Eatwell, Fellow in Economics at Trinity College, Cambridge, contemplates Britain's economic future. Then, at 7.45, Philip Hughes, chairman of Logica, discusses the technological battle and the allied subject of unemployment.

8.15 News on Two.

8.20 Beyond 1984: Part two. James Robertson, author of *The Sane Alternative,* explains why he believes that society is in the throes of transformation as fundamental as the Industrial Revolution 200 years ago. Then, at 8.45, Nick Ross chairs a studio discussion.

9.30 World Darts: further live coverage of the Embassy World Professional *Championship.*

10.15 Film: Murder by Decree (1979) Holmes and Watson on the trail of Jack the Ripper. Co-starring Christopher Plummer and James Mason. With Susan Clark, Anthony Quayle, John Gielgud, Frank Finlay and Donald Sutherland. Directed by Bob Clark.

12.00 World Darts: more from Stoke-on-Trent. Ends at 12.55am.

CHANNEL 4

2.20 Meanwhile Gardens: How three acres of derelict London wasteland became a thriving community park. Its future, though is now in doubt.

3.00 Lempad of Bali: The remarkable life, times and art of the 116-year-old Balinese artist Gusti Nyoman Lempad who won international acclaim.

4.00 Film: Playtime (1967) Jacques Tati, again playing Monsieur Hulot, chaotically at loose in a Paris seemingly filled with American tourists. It took three years to make (and, it must be admitted, it sometimes seems it takes that long to sit through). Inspired moments crop up occasionally, however.

6.15 American Football: Highlights from the "Wild Card" matches in both the American and National Conference – the first round of the play-offs on the road at the "big one" at Tampa, Florida.

7.15 The World At War: The eleventh film of this 26-part series is called Red Star – the Soviet Union. The period: 1941-1943 – the years of the terrible battles of Leningrad, Moscow, Stalingrad and *Kursk.*

8.15 Tell the Truth: "Spot the imposter" panel game, played by Beverly Anderson, Lynda Bellingham, Nigel Rees and William Rushton. With Grame Garden in the MC's chair.

8.45 Struggle: The concluding episode of Peter Jenkins's political comedy series about a Left-dominated London borough council.

9.20 First Love: Secrets. A second chance to see Noella Smith's film about some boarding school girls who delve into the forbidden mysteries of Freemasonry and come up against consequences that they cannot cope with. Good performances by a clutch of *young non-professionals,* including Anna Campbell Jones, Lucy Goode and Daisy Cockburn. Directed by Gavin Miller.

10.45 *Film: Roman Scandals* (1933*) Comedy musical, with Eddie Cantor as the Mid-West delivery boy who dreams he is back in Ancient Rome – as a slave. Among the Goldwyn Girls on display is a very young Lucille Ball. Cantor's songs include hits (of their time) like Keep Young and Beautiful. Directed by Frank Tuttle. Ends at 12.25.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 *Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45* Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves (new series). 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.
8.50 Week's Good Cause: Mencap (Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults). 8.56 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter From America with Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service. Family mass from St Alban's Roman Catholic Church, Chaddesden, Derby.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Weekend. Highlights of some of last year's Woman's Hour programmes.
12.00 Smash of the Day: "I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again" starring John Cleese, Tim Brooke-Taylor, *Graeme Garden (r).*
12.30 The Food Programme. 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.0 The World This Weekend: News. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question *Time visits Yorkshire.*
2.30 Afternoon Theatre "Blithe Spirit" – a new production of Noel Coward's farce. With Paul Eddington, Julia McKenzie, Anna Massey and Peggy Mount (r).
4.00 News: Talking About Antiques. Arthur Negus and Bernard Price discuss your questions with Hugh Scully.
4.30 The Living World. Extracts of listeners' favourite Living World and Wildlife programmes.
5.00 News.
5.50 Down Your Way visits Crail, Scotland. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
6.00 *News.*
6.15 Letter from Tartary. BBC's Peking Correspondent reports from Kashgar, the most westerly city in China.
6.30 Nobody Stays *in* This House. *Long. Portrait of a London* House and the family that have lived in it for fifty years. Winner of the 1983 Prix Italia for Radio Documentary.
7.00 The Magic Carpet. Seven-part dramatisation of the story of the R101 airship (6). The narrator is Conrad Phillips.
7.30 Bookshelf. Radio 4's book magazine programme. The Poetry Olympics.
8.00 The Music Mill? Pupils and teachers at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester present a portrait of the school at work.
8.45 Born Blind (new series) by Cyril Hayward-Jones. Five readings *about a life-long struggle for* acceptance and independence (1).
9.00 News; Roderick Hudson by Henry James dramatised for radio in four parts (1). James Aubrey plays the title-role sculptor. 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 The Divided State. A radio portrait of Winifred Holtby, author of South Riding. Alison Fiske plays her.
11.00 Before the Ending of the Day†
11.15 Round-up of Capitol Hill. Christopher Frayling explores the reality and the myth of the American cowboy when he visits the largest exhibition ever held on the subject.
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close. Shipping Forecast.
England: VHF as above except: 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
8.05 *Jacqueline du Pré: Performance,* on record, of the cellist playing Beethoven's Cello Sonata, Op 69 (with Barenboim, piano) and Haydn's Cello Concerto in C (English Chamber Orch.).†
9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Caldara's Christmas Cantata, with the Wurtemberg Chamber Orchestra and soloists.†
10.00 New Year's Day Concert: Viennese music, performed by the Vienna Philharmonic, and brought direct from the Main Hall *of the Musikverein, Vienna. The* conductor is Lorin Maazel.† There will be an interval reading at 10.50.
1.00 Mieczyslaw Horszowski: piano recital at the 1983 Aldeburgh Festival. Bach's Partita No 2, BWV 826; Mozart's Sonata in B flat, K 570; Szmanowski's Four Mazurkas from Op 50, Nos 13-16, and Chopin's Two Nocturnes, Op 27, and the Bolero in A minor.†
2.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra: A Russian programme. Part one. Tchaikovsky's overture Romeo and Juliet and Mussorgsky, orch Shostakovitch Songs and Dances of Death.†
3.15 The Two Volodyas: *Jill Balcon* reads the story of Anton Chekhov.
3.50 BBC Symphony Orchestra: part two. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 (Pathetique).†
4.40 Mozart: *Apollo's Banquet (using* authentic instruments) play the Divertimento in E flat, K 563.
5.30 The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui: A second chance to hear Brian Miller's production (in his own *adaptation) of Brecht's warning* on the danger posed by Hitler (represented as a Brooklyn hoodlum). Bill Wallis plays the title role. Part one.
6.50 Eisler: Berlin Radio Symph Orch *play excerpts from the Suite No* 3, Op 26.†
7.00 The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui: part two.
8.15 Messiah: Handel's oratorio, in the Harold Watkins Shaw edition, *recorded* in the Town Hall, Birmingham, last month. Christopher Robinson conducts the City of Birmingham Choir, soloists Lynda Russell, Anne Collins, Paul Elliott and Peter Savidge with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Part one.†
9.15 George V, Imperial Democrat: Kenneth Morgan, historian and Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, argues that the king's *homely image concealed an* effective political shrewdness.
9.35 Messiah: part two.†
11.15 News. Ends at 11.18.



Horszowski: Snape Maltings recital on Radio 3, 1.00pm

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00 pm (MF/MW). 5.00 am George Ferguson. The Sunday Early Show† 7.30 Paul McDowell says Good Morning to the New Year, incl, 7.45 Bishop Bill Westwood† 9.00 David Jacobs with Melodies for You† 11.00 Desmond Carrington, Radio 2 All-Time Greats† 12.00pm Gloria Hunniford with the Best of Two's Best† 12.02 Sports Desk. 1.30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile. Starring the late John Le Mesurier, Ian *Lavender and Bill Pertwee. The friends* of Framboume Pier Association hold their inaugural meeting. With difficulty, Arthur Wilson (Le Mesurier) manages to attend.† 2.00 Benny Green† 2.00 Benny Green† 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy.† 4.00 Sing Something Simple. The Cliff Adams Singers and the Jack Emblow Quartet† 4.30 String Sound with Jean Challis† 5.00Comedy Classics: The Navy Lark starring Jon Pertwee, Leslie Phillips, Stephen Murray. 6.30Black Magic (Stanley Black, his piano, percussion and strings. 7.00 Brain of Sport Challenge Match. Radio sports commentators challenge the 1983 Brain of Sport finalists at Millfield School, Somerset. 7.30 Grand Hotel (Max Jaffa and Palm Court Orchestra). 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour – Christmas Carols. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes with Alan Keith. 10.00 Best of European Pop Jury. 11.05 Pete Murray's Late Show (stereo from midnight) 2.00-5.00 *Bill Rennells* with You and the Night and the Music†.

Radio 1

News on the half hour, until 11.30 am, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.30 and at 12.00 midnight *(MF/MW).* 6.00 am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Sunday show. 10.00 Adrian Juste. 12.00 pm Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' club. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz with David Jensen. 5.00 Top 40 Tommy Vance with a countdown of the Top 40 best selling singles of 1983† 7.00 Anne Nightingale† 9.00 Robbie Vincent with the best in soul, funk jazz and fusion† 11.00-12.00 am From Mento to Lovers' Rock. A history of Jamaican music. Part one. The rise of reggae. With Linton Kwesi Johnson.† VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 5.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 World News 7.09 News About Britain 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent 7.30 A Closer Look 7.50 Recording of the Week 8.00 World News 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 World News 9.09 NEWS about Britain 9.15 Science in Action 9.45 Sports Review 10.15 Classical Record Review 10.30 Sunday Service 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Letter from America 12.00 Play of the Week 1.00 World News 1.09 Commentary 1.15 Good Books 1.30 The Painter of Signs 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show 2.30 Stoke Mandeville 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Financial Review 4.45 Letter from America 5.00 World News 5.09 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 Commentary 8.15 Letterbox 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 World News 10.09 Science in Action 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Moyive for Murder 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 A Matter for Debate 1.45 Rock Back the Clock 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Good Books 2.30 Music Now 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Something to Show You 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The Painter of Signs 5.45 Personal Impact

(All times in GMT)

BBC 1 WALES 3.50 Sports line-up and news headlines. Rugby *Union (Aberavon v Abertillery,* highlights) and football (round-up): 12.20 am News of Wales headlines and weather; NORTHERN IRELAND 12.20-12.25 Northern Ireland new headlines and weather.

S4C Starts 1.05pm Flamwyr 1.15 Film: Odette (Anna Neagle) 3.10 Ron Moody 4.05 Madam Wen 5.45 Unforgettable 6.15 American Football 7.15 Newyddion 7.20 Diwrnod Y Dryw 8.15 Hanlys Fawr 8.55 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.25 Film: The Music Machine (Patti Boulaye) 11.00 World at War Red Star: Soviet Union 1941-1943 11.55 Film: Carnal Knowledge 1.30am Closedown

CENTRAL As London except: 11.50pm Trucking. 12.20am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SCOTTISH As London except: Starts 9.35am Sesame Street. 10.37 Survival Special. 11.30 Glen Michael's New Year Cavalcade. 12.30pm Hogmanay Ceilidh. 1.15 Boys' Brigade Centenary Service. 2.15 Good News for Ne'erday. 2.30 Magic with the Stars. 3.40-5.10 Scotsport Review 1983. 11.50 Late Call. 11.55 Newhart. 12.25am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 11.20am-11.50 Frankly Speaking. 11.50pm Hotel. 12.45am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 10.30am-11.50 Smurfs and the Magic Flute. 11.50pm News at Bedtime, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am Good News for Ne'ers Day 9.40-10.30 Black Beauty 12.50pm Fangface 1.15-2.00 Hogmanay Show 2.30 Magic with the Stars 3.40-5.10 Scotsport 1983 Roundup 11.50 Barney Miller, 00.20 Reflections 00.25 Closedown

TVS As London except: 11.50pm That's Hollywood. 12.20am Company followed by Closedown.

BORDER No Variation

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory. 9.30-10.30 Sing a New Song. 11.50pm Amazing Years of Cinema. 12.20am Epilogue. 12.25 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am Look and See. 9.30-10.30 Sing a New Song. 11.50pm Streets of San Francisco. 12.45am Postscript. 12.51 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 11.50pm Nine to Five 12.20am New beginning, followed by closedown.

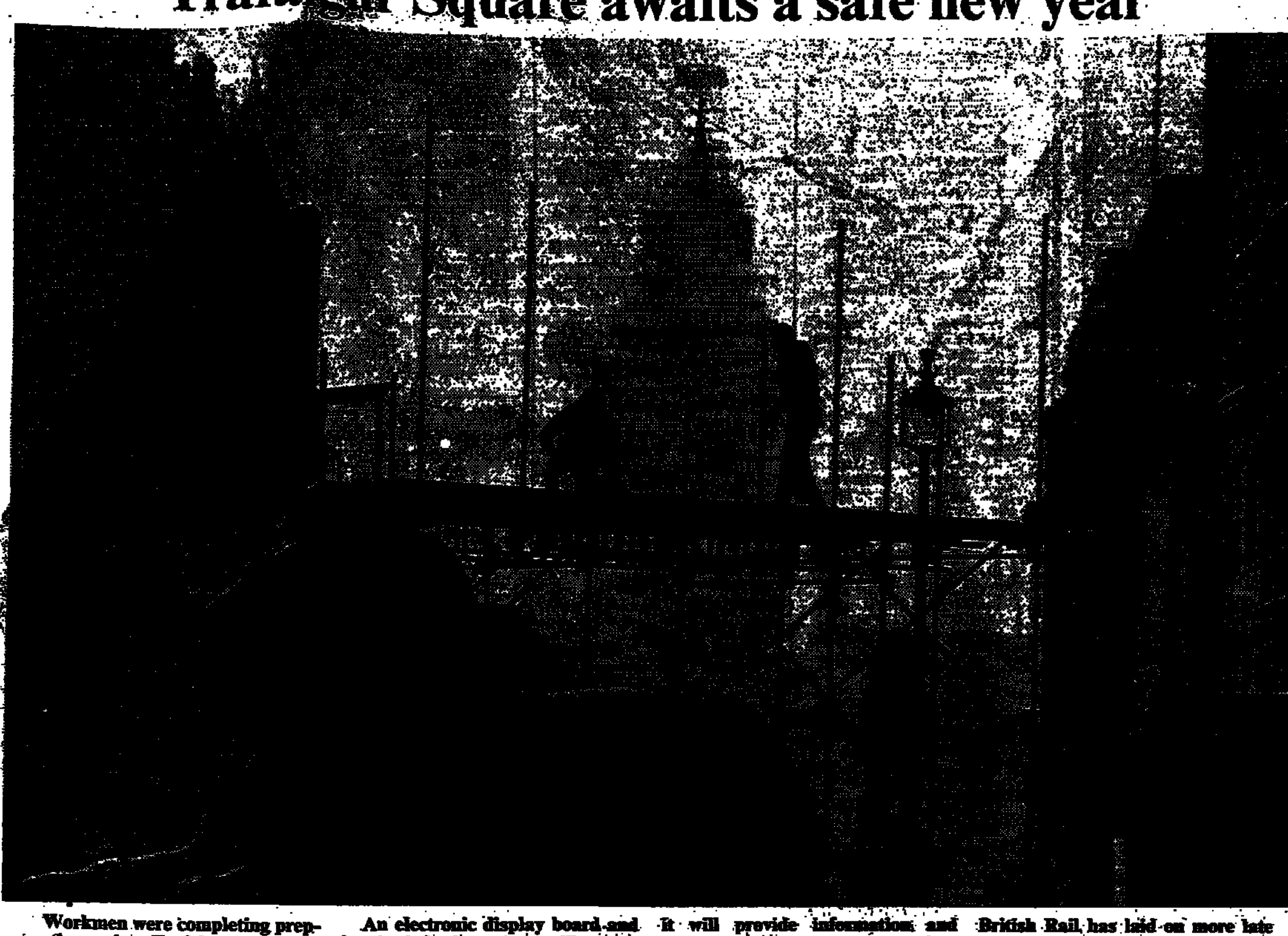
HTV As London except: 11.50pm That's Hollywood. 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WALES No variation.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.50pm Five Minutes 11.55 That's Hollywood 12.25am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.50pm Streets of San Francisco. 12.40am Closedown.

Trafalgar Square awaits a safe new year



Workmen were completing preparations in Trafalgar Square, London, yesterday for what the police hope will be a less troubled New Year's Eve than last year, when two women were killed in the crush and 193 people injured (Stewart Tendler writes).

An electronic display board and barricaded fountains will greet revellers arriving tonight to usher in 1984. As Big Ben tolls midnight the board, under the control of the police, will wish the crowds a happy New Year.

But for the rest of the night it will provide information and instructions to prevent congestion. Green hoardings to thwart midnight bathers were erected before Christmas.

Extra police will be available to control the crowd, which has reached 100,000 in past years. British Rail has laid on more late trains to stop last minute rush for home.

The police are advising the public not to bring cars into central London, not to bring bags or large sums of money and not to drink too much. (Photograph: Barry Beattie).

Letter from Moscow

Musical revolution from the Russian Jazzmen

A cold December Moscow day, with snow and sleet drifting across the grey city. In a bare and chilly surburban cinema, Muscovites are shown to their seats by dumpy ladies in woollen hats. The lights go down and first comes a newsreel in 1950s socialist realist style, about a steel foundry and chicken farming.

And then suddenly, the screen explodes with colour, exuberance – and music. *Jazzmen* (in Russian *My iz Dzhazza*, or "We are from Jazz"), is the exhilarating, lovingly-filmed story of the first jazzband in Russia, formed on Odessa, on the Black Sea, in the 1920s.

Partly based on the lives of Russian jazz pioneers (some of whom lived to see jazz flourish, be suppressed and revive), the film sweeps the viewer along on an irresistible stream of music and fun.

The young hero – played with engaging impudence by Igor Skylar – is first seen trying out piano rags on an examination panel at the music institute where he is a student.

They accuse him of being an "agent of imperialism". Undaunted, he teams up with a pair of itinerant musicians (a kind of Russian Laurel and Hardy act) and a seedy saxophonist they meet in jail after a riotous party.

From then on, the band, held together by humour, a kindred spirit and a missionary love of jazz, goes from dizzy success (suites in luxury hotels) to dismal failure (down and out on the streets) in their efforts to have jazz accepted in the young Soviet republic.

Jazzmen, directed by Karen Shakhnazarov, is shot through with wit and enthusiasm and Moscow audiences find the band's antics hilarious as they try to prove that jazz is not a "bourgeois" art-form but "revolutionary" and therefore acceptable in a proletarian culture.

The real history of the jazz pioneers was not in the least funny, since the accusations of "imperialism" which sound so preposterous today were used to persecute musicians and artists in the terrible days of the Stalin terror (none of which is even hinted at in the version of *Jazzmen* passed by the censor).

But the film has seized the Russian imagination because it harks back to a "golden age," the 1920s, when there was colour and joy.

For similar reasons, the Anglo-Russian *Anna Pavlova* is proving a popular success.

The film, directed by the Moldavian director Emil Lotianou, depicts the life of the great ballerina from her first steps at the imperial ballet school in St Petersburg to her death in Europe on one of her many strenous tours.

Soviet critics have panned the film as "superficial" and "travesty", pointing out (correctly) that the star of the film, Galina Belyaeva, is too lightweight and inexperienced to play the demanding role of Pavlova. *Sovietskaya Rossiya* said that Miss Belyaeva – who happens to be the director's wife – gave a rosy and romantic portrayal of Pavlova "devoid of spiritual content or even interest".

What has really upset officials, however, is that in *Pavlova* the Russian revolutions of 1905 and 1917 are seen as marginal, while imperial Russia appears sparklingly idyllic.

The sun always shines in St Petersburg, a city filled with gaiety and plenty. The revolution only intrudes when Pavlova's carriage is held up by a bloodily put-down demonstration on the way to the theatre.

At two and a half hours the film is an hour too long and some of the actors – including James Fox, who plays Anna's lover and manager – look distinctly uncomfortable. The exception is Bruce Forsyth who gives a splendid cameo performance and is even funnier dubbed into Russian.

Most of the ideas put up by the British side of the production team seem to have been jettisoned in favour of an extravagant and unconvincing vehicle for Miss Balyaeva. Diaghilev and Nijinsky merely come across as hysterical.

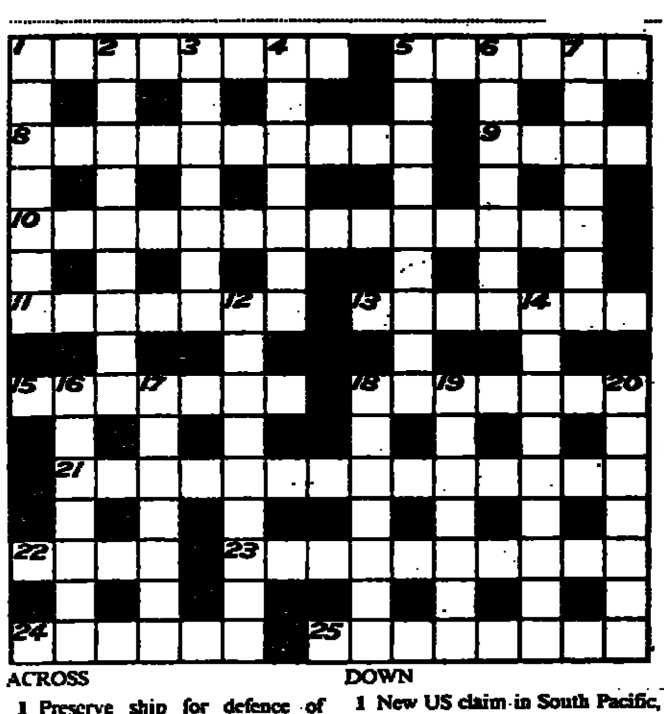
But for Russians this is beside the point, just as the way *Jazzmen* glosses over Stalinism is forgiveable. Like *Jazzmen*, *Pavlova* fills the screen with colour and excitement, conjuring up a Russia peopled by outstanding individuals against the blackcloth of a spontaneous, sparkling Russia long vanished.

Small wonder that Muscovites are queuing up to see both films in preference to standard Soviet cinema offerings such as *Hot Summer in Kabul*, which depicts a positive Soviet hero giving selfless fraternal aid to the Afghan people in their struggle against world imperialism.

Richard Owen

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Solution of Puzzle No 16,318 | Solution of Puzzle No 16,322



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,323

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mr. E. A. Side, 9 Aycote Close, Gloucester, GL4 9QL; Mr. Julian Leveson, 36 West Side, Hendon, London, NW4 4XB; Miss E. M. Reader, 8 Middlegarth Drive, South Cave, N. Humberside, HU15 2AY.

Name ....

Address ....

ACROSS

1 Preserve ship for defence of Jersey and Guernsey (4-4).
5 Craft of one making effort to draw? (6).
8 Low ball on boundary may come from a small arm (3-7).
9 Captain has backing of none of the crew (4).
10 Fellows fighting – like Lion and Unicorn? (8-2-4).
11 Understatement from T. S. Eliot, oddly (7).
13 Second discussant also careful follower of game (7).
15 Is it a very different sort? (7).
18 Main course (3-4).
21 No togetherness on the boards in this play (8,6).
22 Constellation, we hear, identified by Romans as planet (4).
23 Act with editor, right to alter this column (5,5).
24 House of Lords so to speak (6).
25 Swaggering by, a satyr at heart (8).

DOWN

1 New US claim in South Pacific, say (7).
2 It shows fair's fair, so to speak (9).
3 From memory, near centre (2,5).
4 One of the partners of majority share-holder (7).
5 Glasses held some distance from eyes (9).
6 C viare wasted on this officer? (7).
7 Many, in a sense, arranged like this (2,5).
12 Consider what the host should do (9).
14 Jowett is well aware of all this (9).
16 Country, alas, not in antipodes (7).
17 One takes pawn 7 for French stalemate (7).
18 This constable may be opposed to 6 (7).
19 Athletic women – Brazilian runner second (7).
20 Level of the French sergeant? Hardy fellow (7).

Today's events

Last chance to see

The Second Bombing, by Mulheimer Freiheit, Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends today).

Sculpture's Dance: Southampton Art Gallery Civic Centre, Southampton; Sat 10 to 4 (ends today).

Fishing Smacks, a Kent County Museum Service travelling exhibition, Tunbridge Wells Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Tunbridge Wells; Sat 9.30 to 5 (ends today).

Captains of Commerce: New Irish Ceramics; Tom Carr, retrospective; Aspects of Africa; Fifty Years of Civil Engineering in Northern Ireland, all exhibitions at Ulster Museum, N Botanic Gardens, Belfast; Sat 1 to 5 (all end today).

The Colman Collection of Silver Mustard Pots, Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge Street, Bath; (ends today).

Landscapes by Ray Howard-Jones; Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili, Wales; Mon to Sat 10-4.30 (ends today).

Exhibitions in progress

That's Shell, That Is – exhibition of advertising material: Aberdeen Art Galleries, School Hill, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 7).

Textile Designs and Drawings by Janet Hunter, Atkinson Gallery, Lord Street, Southport; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Thurs and Sat 10 to 1, closed Sun (ends Jan 14).

Christmas exhibition of paintings by Falmouth Schoolchildren, Falmouth Art Gallery, Municipal Offices, Falmouth, Cornwall; Mon To Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30, closed Sat and Sun and until Mon (ends Jan 6).

Exhibition of Alternative Technology, Dorset County Museum, High Street West, Dorchester, Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 5, closed Sun (ends Jan 28).

Tomorrow

Music

March and waltz into 1984 with the Bournemouth Sinfornietta and Woodfalls Band, Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 3.

The Magic of Vienna, concert by BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, St. David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

General

Antiques Fair, Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare, 10.30 to 4.30.

Carol Services

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, St. Ann's Church, Manchester, 6.30.

Exhibitions in progress

Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (ends Jan 28).

Sainsbury's Images for Today: Winners of competition for British artists, Cartwright Hall, Lister Park, Bradford; Tues to Sun 10 to 5, closed Mon (ends Jan 8).

Home Sweet Home – an exhibition of Victorian Home Life, Portsmouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Road, Old Portsmouth; Mon to Sun 10.30 to 5.30 (ends Jan 26).

In the garden

Check any fruits, vegetables, bulbs, corms or tubers in store and remove any showing signs of rot. If dahlia tubers show signs of shrivelling revive them by putting them in a bucket of tepid water indoors for 24 hours. Check that recent gales have not loosened the soil round young trees or shrubs. If so tread them in firmly again. Also check ties securing trees to stakes or climbers to walls and renew if necessary.

If you have a pool with fish, float a rubber ball or a piece of wood on the surface. If the pool freezes, pour boiling water over the ball or wood. Then siphon or bale out water to leave a gap of an inch or so between the ice and the water and lay a sack over the hole. If this is not done the water will freeze over again immediately. Small floating electrical pool heaters are available which will keep a small area free from ice to allow fish to breathe.

The papers

The Daily Express quotes the Prime Minister, that Britain's revival is only beginning: "We are a country of the future." It says that Britain enters the year in far fitter shape than economic forecasters prophesied twelve months ago. Inflation has been kept at a low level, thought ony zero inflation would be wholly acceptable. The economy is beginning to pick up. Britain's growth rate is well above average. "We are among the leaders in the West's recovery", it argues, but says that Mrs Thatcher and her ministers cannot do this alone. "Employers must be enterprising. Above all, unions must be realistic.

But the paper says that to help the process towards prosperity, the Government must remove artificial restraints on the jobs market; cut state spending; reduce taxes and leave more money to firms and individuals.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.68	1.58
Austria Sch	29.00	27.40
Belgium Fr	84.50	80.50
Canada $	1.86	1.79
Denmark Kr	14.80	14.10
Finland Mkk	8.74	8.34
France Fr	12.40	11.90
Germany DM	4.08	3.89
Greece Dr	169.00	155.00
Hongkong $	11.50	10.90
Ireland Pt	1.318	1.268
Italy Lira	2485.00	2365.00
Japan Yen	351.00	333.00
Netherlands Gld	4.60	4.37
Norway Kr	11.60	11.00
Portugal Esc	199.00	188.00
South Africa Rd	1.82	1.69
Spain Pta	235.00	225.00
Sweden Kr	12.06	11.46
Switzerland Fr	3.28	3.11
USA $	1.49	1.44
Yugoslavia Dnr	222.00	208.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 341.9.

London: The *FT* index closed up 3.2 at 775.7.

Roads

London and South-East: Westbound carriageway of North Circular Road reduced to one lane at junction with Golders Green Road, from 7am. One lane closed in Wigmore Street, Marylebone. A249: Automatic signals on Maidstone-/Sittingbourne road; no diversion.

Midlands: Lane-closures on A14: Huntingdon by-pass. Traffic signals at A6: Belper, Derbyshire. A61: Traffic signals controlling traffic at Clay Cross, Derbyshire.

Wales and West: A417: Delays, diversions in St Oswalds Road (old A40), Gloucester. A483: Temporary lights and long delays in Wind Street, Ammanford. A35: Single-lane traffic controlled by temporary signals on Axminster-Honiton road between Kilmington-Loughwood, Devon.

North: A575: Egerton Street in Farnworth closed nr Junction with Gladstone Road; diversions. A6110: Roadworks alongside existing carriageway on Leeds Southern ring road; delays. A6: Sewer cleaning work along south-bound carriageway of Stockport Road, Greater Manchester, between 08.00 and 15.30 hours.

Scotland: A85: Single-lane traffic controlled by lights, Invergowrie. A84: Intermittent traffic control in Drip Road at Laurancecroft, Stirling. A9: Intermittent traffic control in Causeway Head Road, Stirling. A82: Single-lane traffic controlled by lights in Inverness-shire.

Information supplied by AA

Anniversaries

Births: **Charles Edward Stuart**, "Bonnie Prince Charlie", the Young Pretender, Rome, 1720; **Giovanni Pascoli**, poet, San Mauro di Romagna, Italy, 1855; **Henri Matisse**, painter, Le Cateau, Picardy, France, 1869. Deaths: **John Flamstead**, first Astronomer Royal, Greenwich, 1719; **Gustave Courbet**, painter, La Tour-de-Peliz, Switzerland, 1877.

TOMORROW

Births: **Edmund Burke** (new style Jan 12), Dublin, 1729; **Maria Edgeworth**, writer, Blackbourton, Oxfordshire, 1767; **Sir James Frazer**, anthropologist Glasgow, 1854; **Henry Handel Richardson** (Ethel E. L. Richards), novelist, author of the trilogy, *The Fortunes of Richard Mahoney*, Melbourne, 1870; **E. M. Forster**, London, 1879. Deaths: **William Wycherley**, dramatist, London, 1716; **Johann Christian Bach**, youngest son of Johann Sebastian, London, 1782; **Sir Edward Lutyens**, architect, London, 1944. The Times, under the title of *The Daily Universal Register* was founded 1785; the change of title was made on January 1, 1788. Britain entered the EEC, 1973.

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Weather

London, SE, central S, E, SW England, East Anglia, E, W Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Dry, bright or sunny periods; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 10-12C (50-54F).

N Wales, NW, central N England: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, wind SW fresh or strong; max temp 10C (50F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Mostly cloudy, outbreaks of rain or drizzle; wind SW fresh or strong, gale in places; max temp 9C (48F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Cloudy, some rain at first becoming mainly dry; wind SW fresh or strong; max temp 10C (50F).

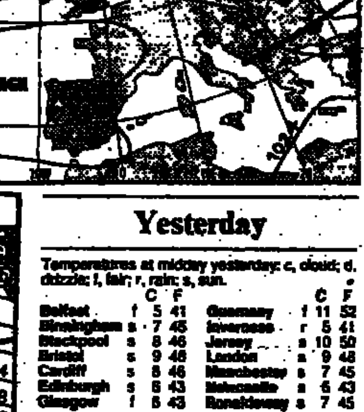
Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, wind SW strong to gale, severe gale in places; max temp 7-9C (45-48F).

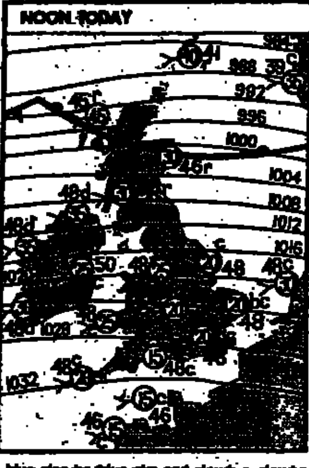
Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Changeable with rain or showers in many areas but mainly dry in S England. Colder in N.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind fresh or strong perhaps increasing gale at times; sea mainly rough. English Channel (E): Wind westerly light or moderate backing SW fresh or strong; sea slight becoming moderate or rough. St George's Channel: fresh increasing strong perhaps gale locally; sea moderate becoming rough. Irish Sea: SW strong to gale; sea rough or very rough.

Sun rises: 8.06 am | Sun sets: 4.01 pm
Moon rises: 5.23 am | Moon sets: 1.54 pm
New Moon: January 3.

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 8.06 am | Sun sets: 4.02 pm
Moon rises: 6.36 am | Moon sets: 2.28 pm
New Moon: January 3.



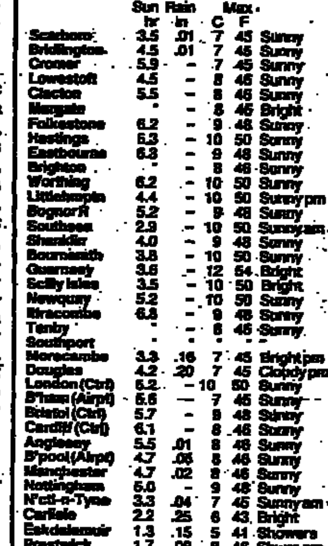


b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

Lighting-up time

TOMORROW
London 4.32 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.42 pm to 7.46 am
Edinburgh 4.18 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.29 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 5.00 pm to 7.51 am

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.5	.01	7	45	Sunny
Bridlington	4.5	.01	7	45	Sunny
Cromer	5.9	–	7	45	Sunny
Lowestoft	4.5	–	8	46	Sunny
Clacton	5.5	–	8	46	Sunny
Margate	•	–	8	46	Bright
Folkestone	6.2	–	9	48	Sunny
Hastings	6.3	–	10	50	Sunny
Eastbourne	6.3	–	9	48	Sunny
Brighton		–	8	46	Sunny
Worthing	6.2	–	10	50	Sunny
Littlehampton	4.4	–	10	50	Sunny pm
Bognor R	5.2	–	9	48	Sunny
Southsea	2.9	–	10	50	Sunny am
Shanklin	4.0	–	9	48	Sunny
Bournemth	3.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Guernsey	3.6	–	12	54	Bright
Scilly Isles	3.5	–	10	50	Bright
Newquay	5.2	–	10	50	Sunny
Ilfracombe	6.8	–	9	48	Sunny
Tenby	•	–	8	46	Sunny
Southport	•	•	•	•	
Morecambe	3.3	.16	7	45	Bright pm
Douglas	4.2	.20	7	45	Cloudy pm
London (Ctrl)	6.2	–	10	50	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	5.6	–	7	45	Sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	5.7	–	9	48	Sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.1	–	8	46	Sunny
Anglesey	5.5	.01	8	46	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	4.7	.06	8	46	Sunny
Manchester	4.7	.02	8	46	Sunny
Nottingham	5.0	–	9	48	Sunny
N'ctl-o-Tyne	3.3	.04	7	45	Sunny am
Carlisle	2.2	.25	6	43	Bright
Eskdalemuir	1.3	.15	5	41	Showers
Prestwick	1.7	.08	8	46	Shwrs am
Glasgow	1.5	.20	6	43	Showers
Tiree	1.2	.52	7	45	Hail
Stornoway	0.5	.36	5	41	Showers

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	5	41	Guernsey	f	11	52
Birmingham	s	7	45	Inverness	r	5	41
Blackpool	s	8	46	Jersey	s	10	50
Bristol	s	9	48	London	s	9	48
Cardiff	s	8	46	Manchester	s	7	45
Edinburgh	s	6	43	Newcastle	s	6	43
Glasgow	f	6	43	Ronaldsway	s	7	45

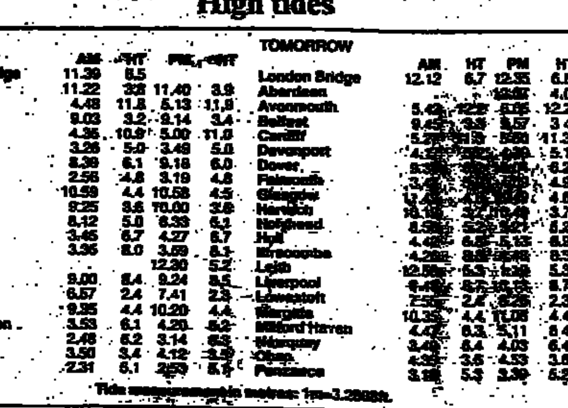
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey 12C (54F); lowest day max: Wick 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Keswick 1.14in; highest sunshine: Ilfracombe 6.8hrs.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 61 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.2 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1031.5 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

High tides



TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.39	6.5		
Aberdeen	11.22	3.8	11.40	3.9
Avonmouth	4.48	11.8	5.13	11.9
Belfast	9.03	3.2	9.14	3.4
Cardiff	4.35	10.9	5.00	11.0
Devonport	3.26	5.0	3.49	5.0
Dover	8.39	6.1	9.18	6.0
Falmouth	2.56	4.8	3.19	4.8
Glasgow	10.59	4.4	10.58	4.5
Harwich	9.25	3.6	10.00	3.6
Holyhead	8.12	5.0	8.33	5.1
Hull	3.45	6.7	4.27	6.7
Ilfracombe	3.36	8.0	3.59	8.1
Leith			12.30	5.2
Liverpool	9.00	8.4	9.24	8.5
Lowestoft	6.57	2.4	7.41	2.3
Margate	9.35	4.4	10.20	4.4
Milford Haven	3.53	6.1	4.20	6.2
Newquay	2.48	6.2	3.14	6.3
Oban	3.50	3.4	4.12	3.5
Penzance	2.31	5.1	2.59	5.1

TOMORROW

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.12	6.7	12.35	6.5
Aberdeen	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.07	4.0
Avonmouth	5.42	12.2	6.05	12.2
Belfast	9.45	3.5	9.57	3.4
Cardiff	5.27	11.3	5.50	11.3
Devonport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.1
Dover	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.2
Falmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.9
Glasgow	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.6
Harwich	10.15	3.7	10.49	3.7
Holyhead	8.58	5.2	9.21	5.2
Hull	4.42	6.8	5.15	6.9
Ilfracombe	4.28	8.2	4.48	8.3
Leith	12.50	5.3	1.28	5.3
Liverpool	[illegible]	8.7	[illegible]	8.7
Lowestoft	7.58	2.4	8.25	2.3
Margate	10.35	4.4	11.05	4.4
Milford Haven	4.47	6.3	5.11	6.4
Newquay	3.40	6.4	4.03	6.4
Oban	4.35	3.6	4.53	3.6
Penzance	3.18	5.3	3.39	5.2

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Copenhagen	f	7	45	Majorca	s	14	57	Rio de Jan*	f	28	82
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Corfu	c	16	61	Malaga	s	16	61	Rome	s	16	61
Alexandria	f	20	68	Dallas*	[illegible]	−6	21	Malta	f	16	61	Salzburg	s	4	39
Algiers	s	18	64	Dublin	s	5	41	Melbourne	f	32	90	Sao Paulo*	c	29	84
Amsterdam	s	9	48	Dubrovnik	s	17	63	Mexico C*	s	18	64	S Francisco*	c	12	54
Athens	s	16	61	Faro	c	15	59	Miami*	f	28	82	Santiago*	s	24	75
Bahrain	s	19	66	Florence	s	8	46	Milan	s	8	46	Seoul	sn	−5	23
Barbados*	f	28	82	Frankfurt	c	3	37	Montreal*	sn	−4	25	Singapore	f	29	84
Barcelona	s	15	59	Funchal	f	19	66	Moscow	f	−5	23	Stockholm	r	4	39
Beirut	f	[illegible]	64	Geneva	s	6	43	Munich	s	7	45	Strasbourg	f	3	37
Belgrade	s	[illegible]	43	Gibraltar	f	16	[illegible]	Nairobi				Sydney	s	25	77
Berlin	c	[illegible]	48	Helsinki	sn	0	32	Naples	s	17	63	[illegible]	s	18	64
Bermuda*	f	22	72	Hong Kong	f	12	54	New Delhi	s	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	f	18	64
Biarritz	c	[illegible]	55	Innsbruck	s	7	45	New York*	c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	s	22	72
Boulogne	f	[illegible]	48	Istanbul	s	11	52	Nice	s	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	c	6	43
Bordeaux	c	[illegible]	62	Jeddah	s	31	88	Oslo	[illegible]	6	43	[illegible]	s	−8	18

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available